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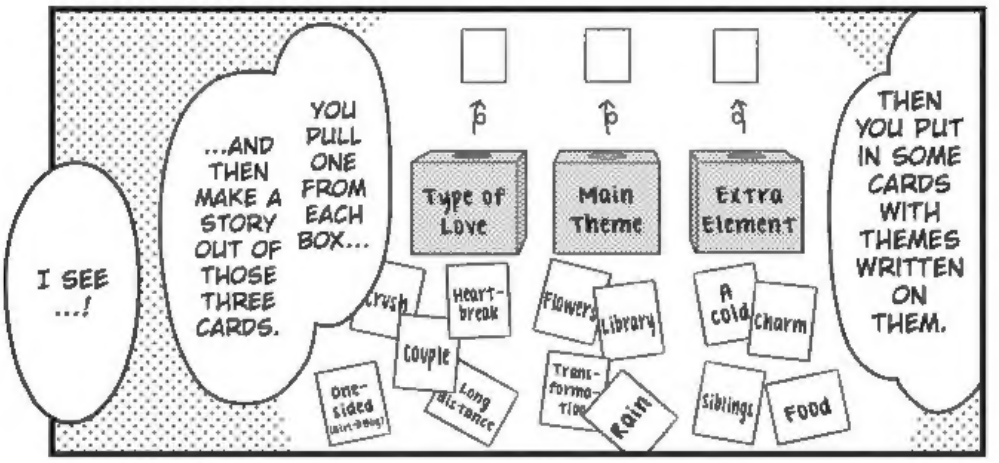
Friendship
Unconscious Affection

RANDOM LOVE CARDS

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...SOME MANGA-KA ACTUALLY DECIDE ON A STORY USING RANDOM CARDS.
RANDOM?
YEAH.
YOU MAKE BOXES... THREE OF THEM, I THINK.

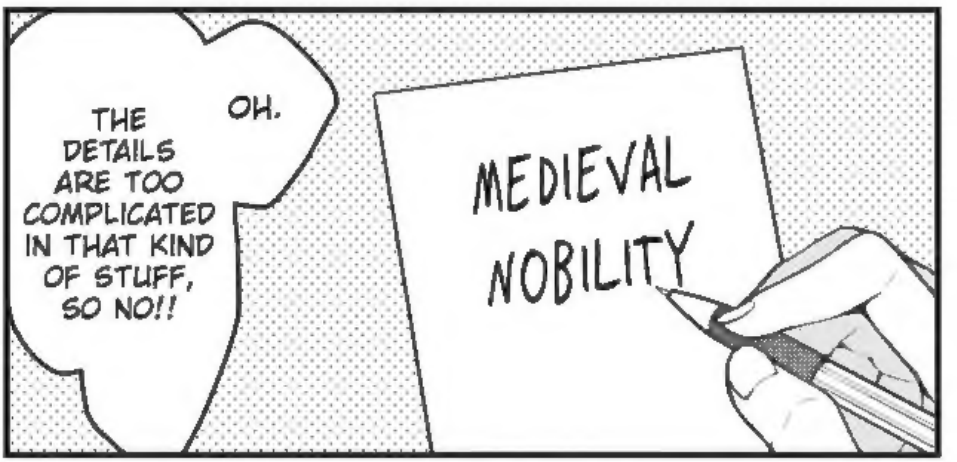


SO IF I PULL "ONE-SIDED LOVE," "MOLD," AND "FROG'S EGGS"...
...I HAVE TO DRAW A STORY ABOUT A FROG'S EGG THAT'S IN LOVE WITH MOLD...
WHY WOULD YOU PUT IN CARDS THAT ARE SO DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH?
THAT'S PRETTY EXCITING...!

ANY SUBJECT

OHH.
THAT SOUNDS FUN.
...IN THESE BOXES.
JUST PUT THEM...
...I WANT A NICE VARIETY OF IDEAS, SO I'D LOVE YOUR INPUT.
...ANY-WAY ...

OH.
IT'S TOO HARD TO DRAW THAT KIND OF STUFF, SO NO!!
LOVE OF SPORTS


OH.
THE DETAILS ARE TOO COMPLICATED IN THAT KIND OF STUFF, SO NO!!
MEDIEVAL NOBILITY

THE ADVANCE INSPEC-TION IS WAY TOO TOUGH!
OH.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND ...
HMM...
CATS? HMM, DRAWING ANIMALS IS A PAIN TOO.
WELL, I GUESS THAT JUST BARELY PASSES...

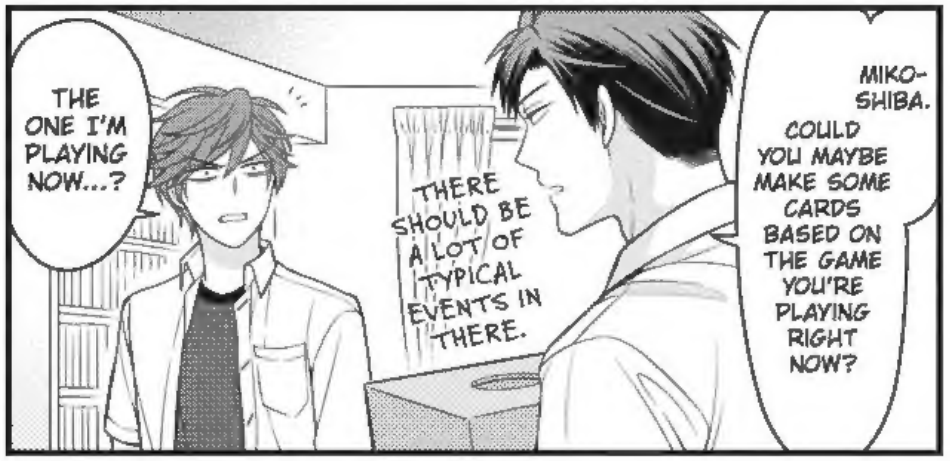
JUST REPORTING WHAT HE SEES

A GAME WHERE YOU DRAW CARDS

Wasabi
Green juice
Embarrassing stories from the past
TEE HEE HEE HEE!
...IT'D BE FUN TO HAVE SOME DUDS IN THERE TOO.
BUT WITH THIS KIND OF THING ...

...I ACCIDEN-TALLY STARTED THINKING I WAS MAKING A CARD GAME...
PARTWAY THROUGH ...
I'M SO SORRY...
Custom rules?
Take 1 card from your neighbor
LUCKY CARD
Skip 1 turn
Draw 2 more cards!
...UH, SO...
...WHAT ARE THESE ALL ABOUT ...?

A FAMILIAR FEELING


MIKO-SHIBA. COULD YOU MAYBE MAKE SOME CARDS BASED ON THE GAME YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT NOW?
THERE SHOULD BE A LOT OF TYPICAL EVENTS IN THERE.
THE ONE I'M PLAYING NOW...?

ON HIS SECOND PLAYTHROUGH
THE TOTALLY DEPRESSING ONES ARE WAY TOO COMMON...
...I JUST... CAN'T GET ANY HAPPY ENDINGS...
THESE ARE...
Locked up and forced into an engagement
Won't come out of a coma
.....
Dies in an accident just before the end

GAME: EVERYDAY PARADISE

AGHH!!!
ミールト Days
OTOME GAME
WHAT SORT OF CRAZY GAME WAS THIS...?
It becomes obvious in the last ten minutes that it's actually set in another world.
The protagonist is a reincarnation of Ieyasu Tokugawa.
The boss is a Taisho-era mole.
Release the soul of Napoleon!
The childhood friend was actually a god all along.

WHEN YOU PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER

THREE CARDS AT RANDOM

HANG ON!
I THINK YOU COULD SPIN IT LIKE THE HEROINE'S BEEN TURNED INTO A PIG!
OH YEAH !!!
LET'S DO THAT!
BAN (BAM)
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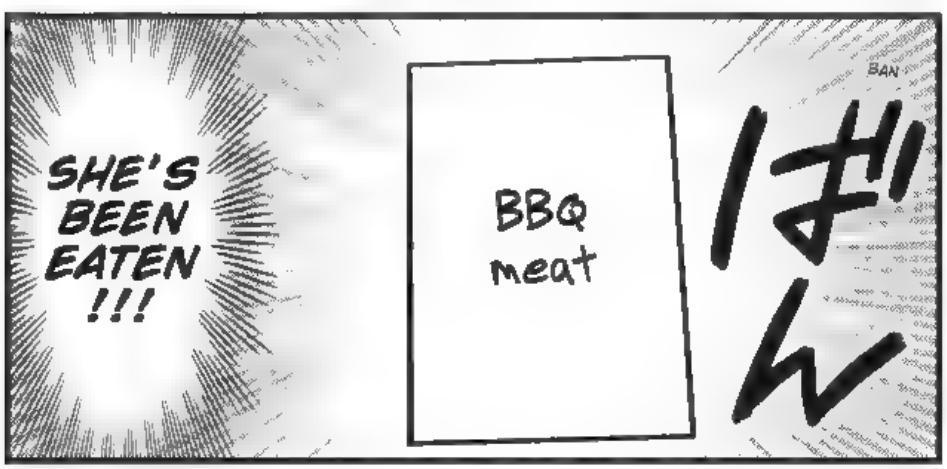
...PUT THAT ONE IN!!?
WAIT, WHO...
A human in love with a (female) pig

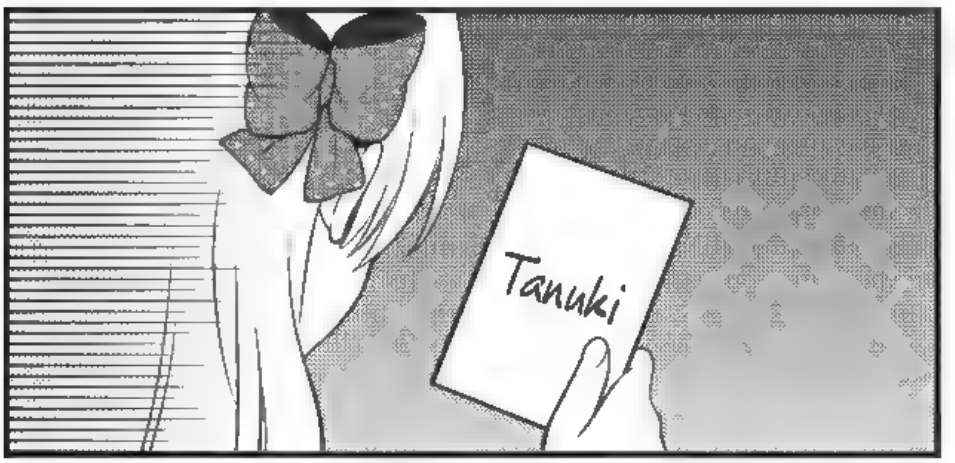


THE THIRD CARD

ALL RIGHT! THEN, THE THIRD CARD...
TOGETHER IN THE NEXT LIFE...
U-UMM ...
TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE SEPARATED IN A PAST LIFE GET ...I GUESS !? TOGETHER IN THIS ONE...
Reincar-nation
Disastrous love
NO !!!
NEXT !!!
BA (WHAP)

COME ON, SLOT 3!

...WITH HOW THINGS ARE GOING ...!!!?
THIS COULD BE IT ... !!!
SAKURA, PULL OUT THE THIRD CARD.
I'VE NEVER DRAWN IT EITHER.
WELL... IT'S PRETTY ORDINARY, BUT I GUESS IT COULD WORK...

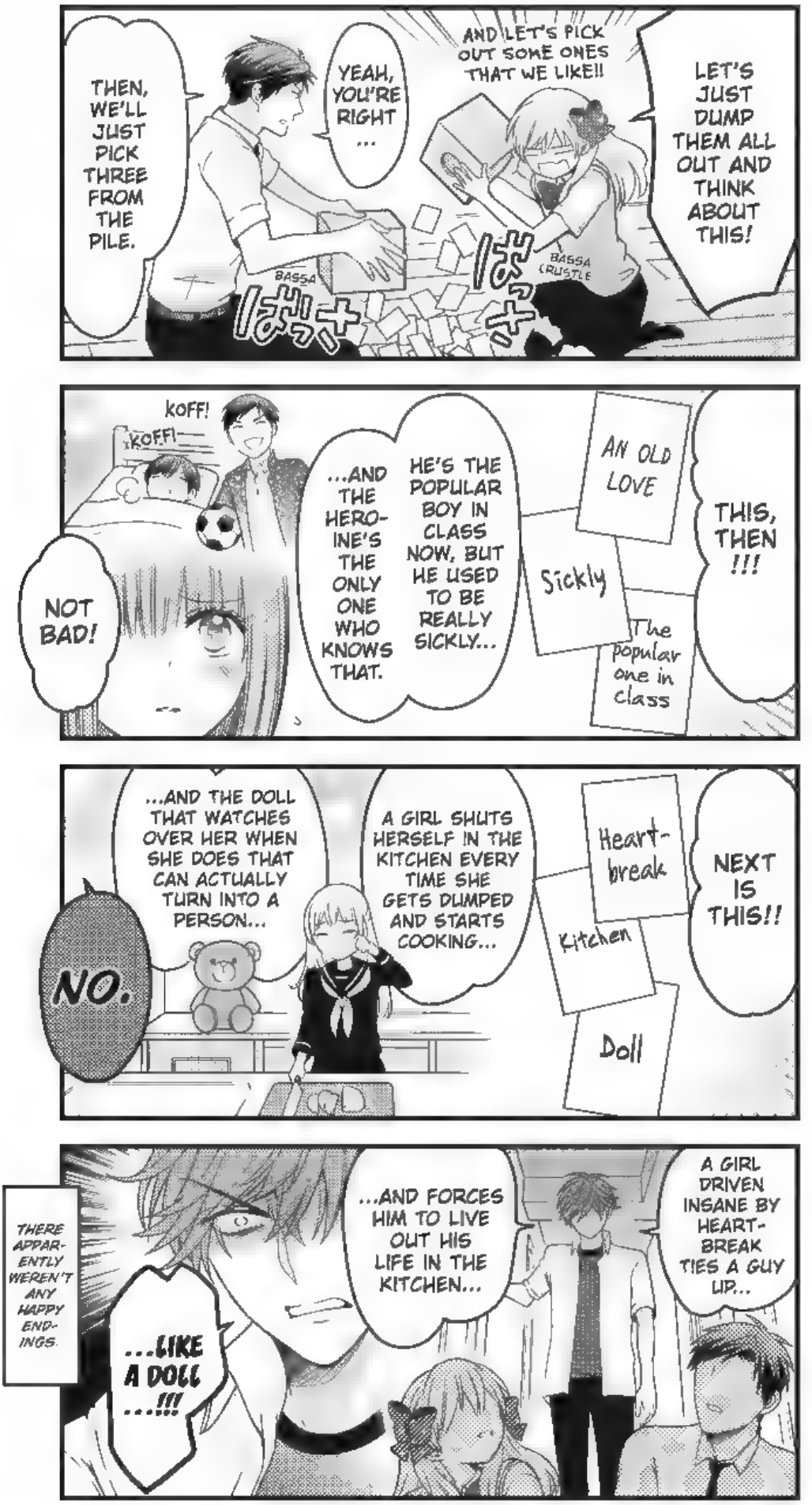


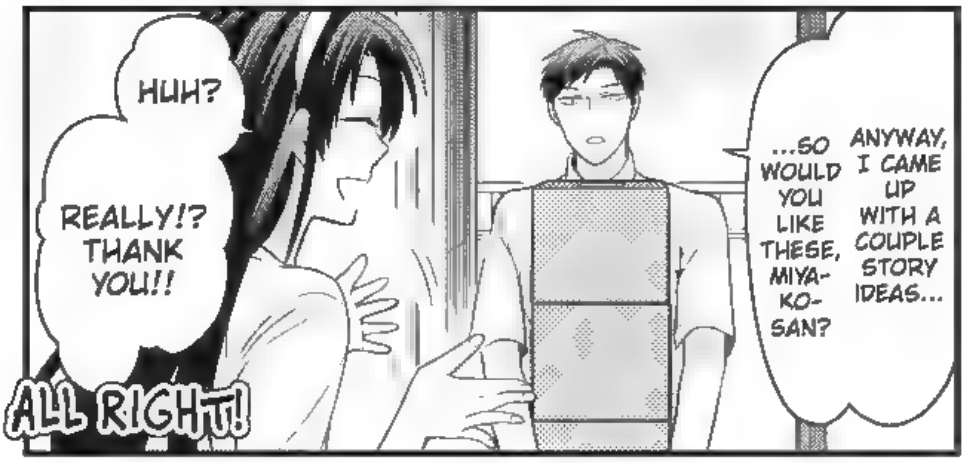
SAKURA?
?
N—
NOOO!!!
IT'S NOTHING!!
NOW!!!
I'M GETTING IT OUT RIGHT NOW!!!
JUST YOU WAIT!!!
BABA CHEWED
ばばっ

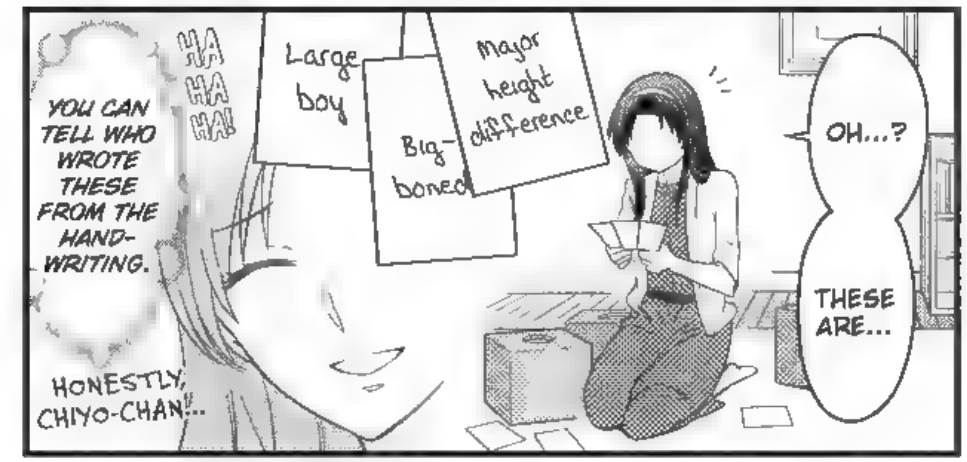
YOU HAVE TO ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT NOZAKI-KUN'S STORY, CHIYO...!
I'M SURE... MY HEART WAS JUST IMPURE...

...TO ADD A LITTLE SPICE TO THAT STORY...?
WHAT WOULD BE GOOD...
A BOY AND A GIRL WITH A HEIGHT DIFFERENCE...
COME ON, THINK ABOUT IT...

THERE'S MORE.
13
tanuki


THEN, WE'LL JUST PICK THREE FROM THE PILE.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT ...
AND LET'S PICK OUT SOME ONES THAT WE LIKE!!
LET'S JUST DUMP THEM ALL OUT AND THINK ABOUT THIS!
BASSA
BASSA (RUSTLE
koff!
koff!
NOT BAD!
...AND THE HERO-INE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THAT.
HE'S THE POPULAR BOY IN CLASS NOW, BUT HE USED TO BE REALLY SICKLY...
AN OLD LOVE
Sickly
The popular one in class
THIS, THEN !!!
NO.
...AND THE DOLL THAT WATCHES OVER HER WHEN SHE DOES THAT CAN ACTUALLY TURN INTO A PERSON...
A GIRL SHUTS HERSELF IN THE KITCHEN EVERY TIME SHE GETS DUMPED AND STARTS COOKING...
Heart-break
Kitchen
Doll
NEXT IS THIS!!
THERE APPAR-ENTLY WEREN'T ANY HAPPY END-INGS.
...LIKE A DOLL ...!!!
...AND FORCES HIM TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE IN THE KITCHEN...
A GIRL DRIVEN INSANE BY HEART-BREAK TIES A GUY UP...


ANYWAY, I CAME UP WITH A COUPLE STORY IDEAS...
...SO WOULD YOU LIKE THESE, MIYA-KO-SAN?
HUH?
REALLY!? THANK YOU!!
ALL RIGHT!


OH...?
THESE ARE...
Mayor height difference
Large boy
Big-boned
HA HA HA!
YOU CAN TELL WHO WROTE THESE FROM THE HAND-WRITING.
HONESTLY, CHIYO-CHAN...

.....
NO-ZAKI.
...WELL, I'M NOT SAYING IT'S BAD OR ANYTHING, BUT...
...OH.
YEAH, I MEAN ...

ARE YOU TRYING TO GET EVEN BIGGER?
HUH?
HOW SO?
MILK

THREE-PART COMBO

WHAT AM I GOING TO GET?
WHAT AM I GOING TO GET?
GASSA
GASSA (RUSTLE)
OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT A TRY TOO!
AT LEAST MAKE THEM ALL THE SAME SPECIES ...!!!
A human in love with a (female) Pig
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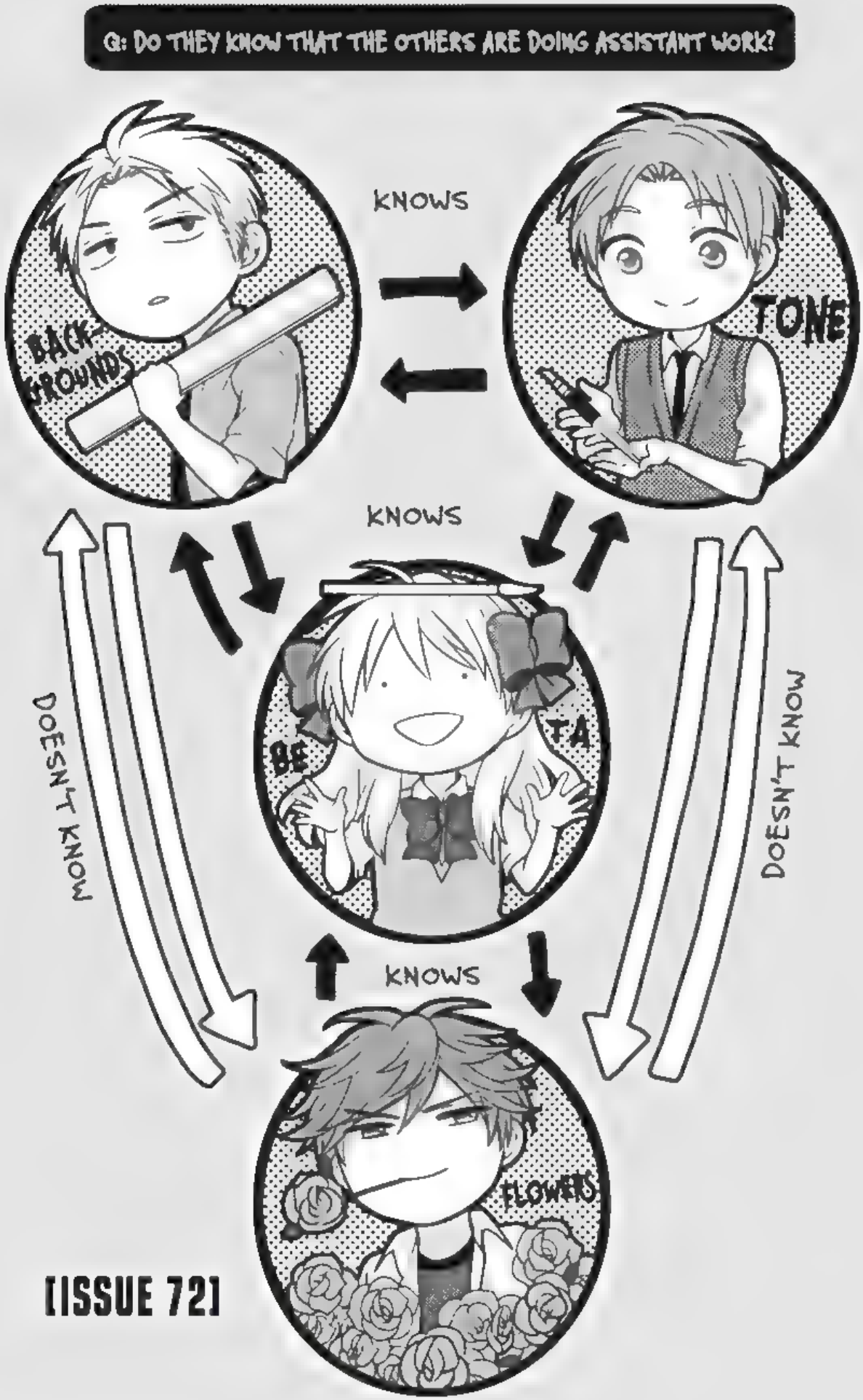
A STORY ABOUT TAKING IN A CAT


Q: DO THEY KNOW THAT THE OTHERS ARE DOING ASSISTANT WORK?
KNOWS
BACK-GROUNDS
TONE
KNOWS
BG
TA
DOESN'T KNOW
DOESN'T KNOW
KNOWS
FLOWERS
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THEY CAME OUT REALLY GOOD AGAIN!
IN CHARGE OF FLOWERS
YEAH.
THEY'RE REALLY PRETTY AGAIN THIS TIME.
OH?
DID THE FLOWER PERSON COME YESTERDAY?

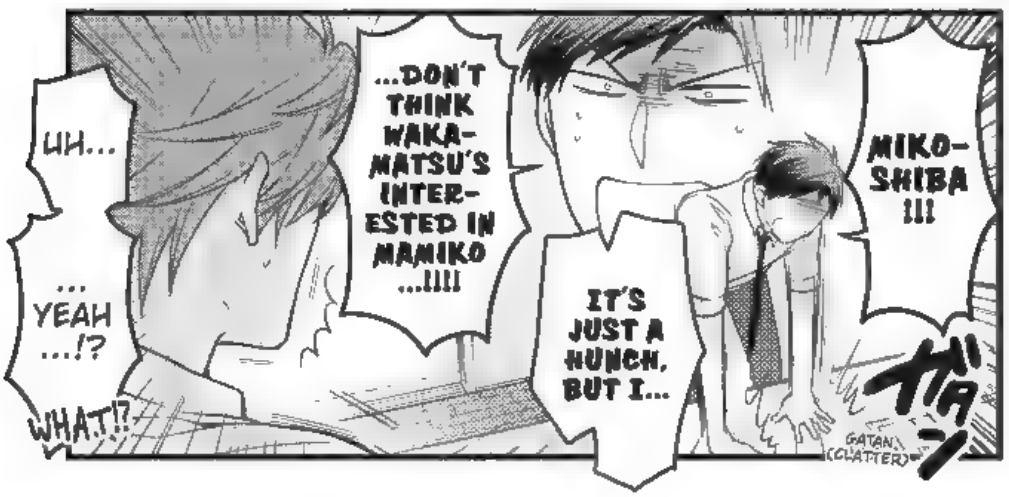
OHHH !!!
...THE PERSON I MODELED MAMIKO AFTER AND THE FLOWER PERSON ARE ONE AND THE SAME.
REALLY INTERESTED
HEH HEH.
ACTUALLY, IT JUST SO HAPPENS...
SO...
...WHAT SORT OF PERSON DOES THE FLOWERS ANYWAY?

.....
KARI (SKRITCH)
KARI
KARI
KARI

DON'T YOU WANT TO MEET HIM OR ANYTHING ...!?
THIS IS MAMIKO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!!
DO
DO (THUD)
HUH ...!?
WAIT A MINUTE...

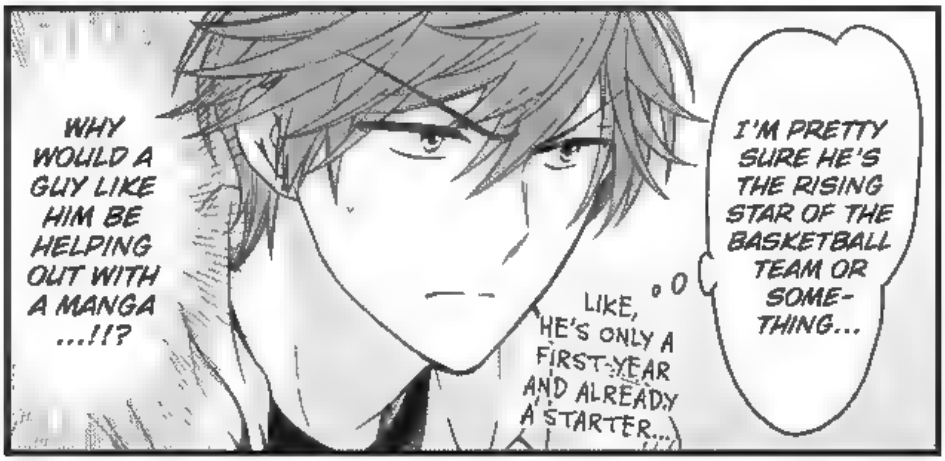
A HUGE INCIDENT

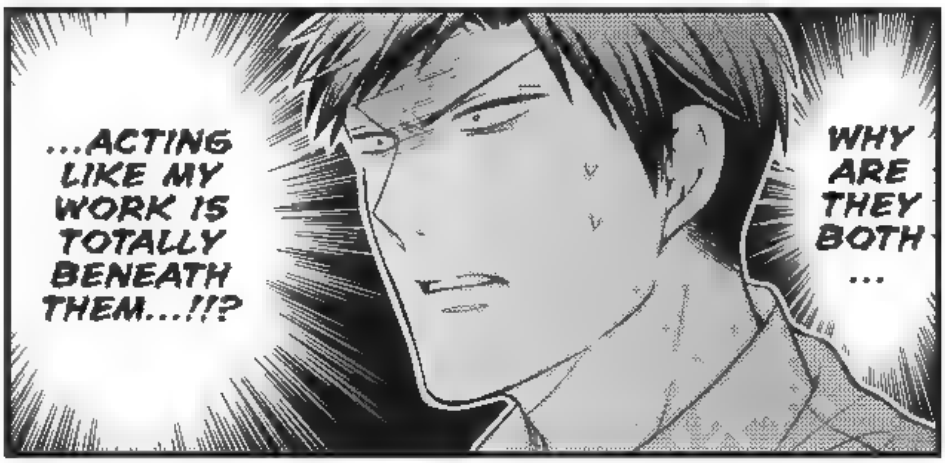
HEY, NOZAKI! ABOUT THE FLOWERS FROM YESTERDAY...
GACHA (KACHAK)
I FORGOT TO DRAW THEM IN ONE PLACE...
...SO LET ME AT THE PAGES FOR A BIT, O...



QUESTIONS BUBBLING FORTH

H—
HELLO ...
THIS IS WAKAMATSU-KUN. HE DOES THE TONE.
AND THIS IS MIKOSHIBA-KUN. HE DOES THE FLOWERS.
I GUESS WE CAN'T HELP IT. THE SECRET'S OUT NOW...
EVERY-ONE CALMED DOWN.


WHY WOULD A GUY LIKE HIM BE HELPING OUT WITH A MANGA ...!!?
LIKE, HE'S ONLY A FIRST-YEAR AND ALREADY A STARTER...
I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S THE RISING STAR OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM OR SOME-THING...



TESTING FOR COMRADES

GOSO (RUMMAGE)
UM, LET'S SEE.
...BUT I BET HE JUST READS THE OCCASIONAL SUPER-FAMOUS SHOUNEN MANGA OR SOMETHING SHALLOW LIKE THAT...
LIKE A MANGA ADAPTA-TION OF A GAME...
IF HE COMES UP WITH SOME OBSCURE TITLES HERE, HE'S A FELLOW GEEK...

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT, DAMN, HE'S GOT A GOOD MEMORY.
UM, IT'S IN VOLUME FORTY-EIGHT...
...AND JOHANN GARE-POIRE-SAN ... ... HAVE A DUEL.
MY FAVORITE PART IS WHERE MARINE FRAN ZAPPE-LINE-SAN...

A COMPLEX WHEN IT COMES TO SPORTS

OH!
MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI!
HEH HEH HEH!
...BUT, WELL, HE SEEMS KINDA DIM, SO I GUESS I CAN BE NICE TO HIM...
IN THE END, I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT IF HE WAS A GEEK OR NOT...

I'VE STARTED PRACTICING TONE FLASHES!
OH, GUESS WHAT!?
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD FIND SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH THIS GUY!!!
SOME-THING WAS DEFINITELY WRONG WITH ME YESTER-DAY!!!

SO IT'S THE NAME OF A NEW BALL SLICE!?
NO, IT'S WHEN YOU TAKE A CUTTER AND JUST KIND OF... MAKE A FLASH...
HUH ...?
?
THAT THE NAME OF SOME NEW SHOT!?
THE HELL ARE THOSE !!?
IZIA (SCOOT)
HI-HI!

SAKURA ...!!!
!!!
HELLO, SAKURA-SENPAI!
YOU HAVE PRACTICE?
OH.
WAKA-MATSU-KUN!

...BUT SHE'S TALKING TO HIM LIKE IT'S NOTHING...
SHE'S...
...JUST AS BAD AT SPORTS AS I AM...

DON'T TELL ME SHE'S THE TYPE WHO'S ALL, "I REALLY LIKE WATCHING SPORTS! ♡"
NO WAY ...!!
AND ...
...THINGS ARE EVEN HEATING UP...!
SAKURA!!!

IT'S A COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT CONVER-SATION!!!
...totally bad bed head this morning!
So, Nozaki-kun...

BUT WHY!?
WELL ... YOU KNOW ...
HUH!? YOU WERE TRYING TO HIDE IT!?
BUT YOU WERE TRYING SO HARD TO HIDE IT.
HUH? MIKO-RIN... ...HE FOUND OUT THAT YOU'RE AN ASSIS-TANT?

IT'S EMBAR-RASS-ING...
...IS JUST SO GEEKY.
HELPING OUT MAKING MANGA...

...AND I READ MANGA, SO I'M THE ONE WHO'S GEEKY...!!!
BESIDES, I HELP OUT TOO...
NO WAY ...!!!
YOU'RE NOT GEEKY AT ALL, MIKOSHIBA-SENPAI!!!

WHAAAT!!?
ARE YOU SCREWING WITH ME!?
YOU DON'T GET TO CALL YOURSELF A GEEK WHEN THAT'S ALL YOU DO!!

GOT IT!!!
BI (FWIP)
NOT ANYONE, YA HEAR!!?
ANY-WAY...
...DON'T YOU DARE MENTION THIS TO ANYONE!!

OH, WAKA!
YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?
LET'S GET A BITE TO EAT!
...THAT'S WHAT I PROMISED.
I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...

UMM...
WHAT IS IT YOU DO ANYWAY?
CONVE-NIENCE STORE CLERKING?
WHAT? YOU'RE WORKING AGAIN?
I'M KIND OF BUSY TODAY...
OH.

IT'S SOME-THING EMBAR-RASS-ING!!!

WHAT IS IT...
... SEO?
HEY, NOZAKI...
BA (WHIP)
ばん
WHA—!?
YOU THINK I COULD GET WAKA TO QUIT HIS JOB ...?
NAH...
HE JUST SAID THAT IT'S...
W—
WAS IT A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE WORK-PLACE... OR SOME-THING ...?
YEAH...
D-DID HE SAY SOME-THING ...?
BA
ばん
!!?
...EMBAR-RASSING.

YOU'RE NOT STUCK, ARE YOU!?
NOZAKI-KUN!?
WHOA!
BIKU (SHOCK)
LUNCH-TIME!
LUNCH-TIME!

HUH!?
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT!?
HEY...
...MY JOB... IS IT EMBARRASSING...?
WHAT'S WRONG!?
DID YOU GET STUCK AND CAN'T GET OUT?
SAKURA...
YOU DON'T THINK I SHOULD JUST BECOME A PART OF THE WALL, DO YOU...?

SO I THINK YOUR JOB IS AMAZING!
...YOU BRING EXCITEMENT INTO THE LIVES OF A LOT OF GIRLS.
...BUT WITH JUST YOUR RIGHT HAND...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

WAAAH!!!
W—
GABA (GLOMP)
SAKURA!!!

...SO BASI-CALLY...
...THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED?

MIKORIN, YOU SAID THAT HELPING TO MAKE MANGA IS EMBAR-RASSING ...
...AND WAKA-MATSU-KUN...
...YOU REPEATED THAT TO YUZUKI, RIGHT?

GEEZ!
IF YOU DO STUFF LIKE THAT...
...YOU JUST HURT NOZAKI-KUN, YOU KNOW!!!
THINK A LITTLE BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR BIG MOUTHS!
HON-ESTLY !!!

THANK YOU!!!
GASHI! -GRAB!
カレいつ

YOU KNOW...
LET'S DO THIS!
NOZAKI IS OUT RUNNING ERRANDS.
TODAY, THEY'RE ADDING IN WAKAMATSU ...
...AND WORKING TOGETHER, ALL THREE OF THEM.

I GOT ALL WORKED UP OVER NOTHING.
SERIOUSLY.
NOZAKI-KUN.
NOZAKI-KUN.
NOZAKI-KUN!
...SAKURA'LL JUST KEEP CHATTERING AWAY.
...EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT...
PIICHIKU (BABBLE)
PAAACHIKU (GABBLE)

BARI (WORK)
BARI
BARI
BARI
HEY.
SAKU ...

HE GOT A LITTLE CLOSER TO WAKAMATSU.
...YEAH, MAYBE.
SHOULD I MAYBE MAKE SOME COFFEE?
UH... UMM...
.....
BARI
BARI
BAR.
BARI

A HUGE CATCH

GAMES?
WHAT GAMES HAVE YOU PLAYED RECENTLY !?
... THEN WHAT ABOUT GAMES !?
IF YOU'RE GONNA CALL YOURSELF A GEEK ...
...I DOUBT HE'S GONNA MENTION ANY TITLES THAT CATCH MY EYE...
AND, WELL, EVEN IF HE DOES...
...I'D SAY HE DOESN'T REALLY GAME ALL THAT MUCH...
BASED ON THAT ...
SECRET DAYS
シークレットDays♡
GET ALL THE GUYS!♥
...LAST...
THIS IS THE ONE I PLAYED ...
スッ SU (SLIDE)
WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IT →
SOWA そわ
SOWA そわ
SOWA (FIDGET) そわ
↑ WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IT

No Appearance
No Appearance
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EXPLAINING HIS SISTER

SEO-KUN...
...DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD WORK NEXT WEEK?
I TOTALLY FORGOT I WAS GOING ON A TRIP!
SCHEDULE
HUH!? WE'RE NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO GET ANYONE AT THIS POINT!!!
NO WAY!
UM...
MAYBE YOUR LITTLE SISTER ...?

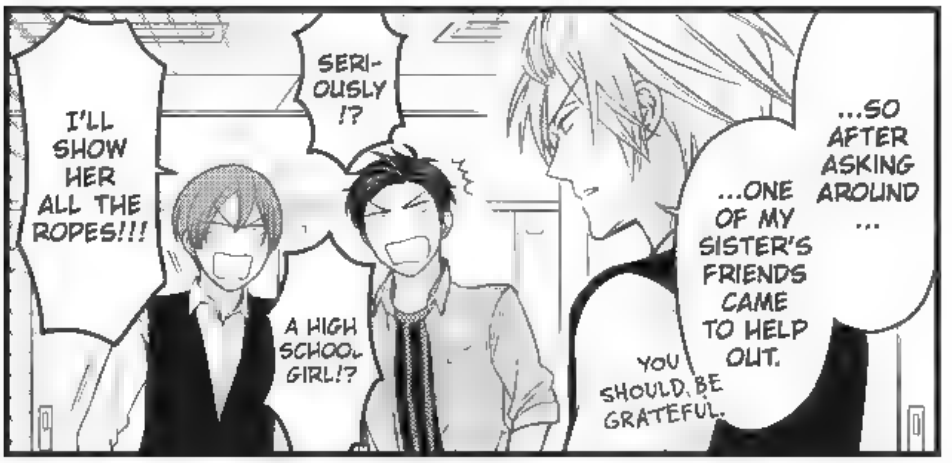
UH, I MEAN ...
...SHE'D BREAK A BUNCH OF PLATES RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HER THE ENTIRE TIME.
IT JUST WON'T WORK !!!
YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF HER!

...SO, YOU KNOW...
...AT MY JOB...
...EVERY-ONE THINKS THAT YOU'RE SOME KIND OF CLUMSY, SHEL-TERED GIRL...
...WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE REAL WORLD ...
I WONDER WHY..?
REALLY?
THAT'S KINDA EMBAR-RASSING, NII-CHAN.
HIS SISTER

IF I'M NOT THERE

WHAT THE HELL DOES SHE USUALLY DO AT SCHOOL?
HE DRAGGED ME ALL THE WAY FROM THE FRONT GATE TO THE CLUBROOM THE OTHER DAY...
IF I'M NOT THERE ...
...I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR HORI-SENPAI WILL GO TO DRAG ME BACK...

IT'S A REALLY COOL CAFÉ, YOU KNOW!
THEN, CHIYO-CHAN!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, CHIYO-CHAN!?
OH...
I HAVE PLANS NEXT WEEK...
CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING ABOUT THEM ...!?
PLEASE!!


I'LL SHOW HER ALL THE ROPES!!!
SERIOUSLY!?
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL!?
...SO AFTER ASKING AROUND ...
...ONE OF MY SISTER'S FRIENDS CAME TO HELP OUT.
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.

WHAAAT!!?
SO TALL!
SO COOL!
THAT'S A GIRL?
Hello!
WE DIDN'T HAVE HER SIZE, SO SHE'S IN A GUY'S UNIFORM.
THIS IS KASHIMA-KUN.

I GUESS THEY REALLY DO WANNA LOOK OUT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL...
KA-SHIMA-KUN
KA-SHIMA-KUN.
KASHIMA-KUN, THIS ONE IS.
KASHIMA-KUN, TH S IS ..
...BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY BEING PRETTY HELPFUL.
... THEY SAID ALL THAT ...

THEY'RE THE ONES STARTING TO GET ATTACHED !!!
KA-SHIMA-KUN.
WHAT SORT OF HAIRSTYLE DO YOU THINK I SHOULD GO FOR?
KA-SHIMA-KUN.
HOW DO YOU THINK I CAN MAKE THIS OUTFIT LOOK A LITTLE MORE MODERN?

EVERYDAY CONVERSATION SHE JUST KIND OF PICKED UP

JUST GET TO WORK ALREADY!
SHOO! SHOO!
SHE'S A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, BUT I DON'T FEEL EVEN A LITTLE AWKWARD AROUND HER!
WELL, SHE JUST SEEMS...
.. SO RELI-ABLE.
IT'S TIME.
WE WANNA TALK EVEN MORE!
HMM... HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN MY LIFE...
SHOULD I START ACTING A LITTLE MORE LIKE THAT FROM NOW ON?
HUH!? UH... I WOULDN'T REALLY SAY THAT...
... COULD IT BE ...
...THEY WERE EXPECTING A LITTLE MORE HIGH-SCHOOL-GIRLISH-NESS FROM ME?
HUH? YOU'VE GOT PLANS? CANCEL 'EM!
LET'S GO SOME-WHERE!
HEY THERE, WAKA!
YOU'RE FREE TODAY, RIGHT?
IS THAT A SHAKE-DOWN!?
A SHAKE-DOWN!?
IS IT, KASHIMA-KUN!?
YOU'RE EATING SOMETHING REALLY NICE THERE, WAKA!
WHOA!
WAIT A MINUTE! DOES SHE HAVE HERSELF A MINION NOW...?
UH .. MY KID SISTER'S NOT EXACTLY YOUR TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL...

HUH? ARE YOU GOING HOME, HORI-SENPAI?
NAH.
I'M STOPPING BY A CAFÉ.
OH? THAT'S NEW.

KASHIMA SAID SHE'S WORKING THERE FOR A WHILE.
!!
HE'S ...
... WORRIED ABOUT KASHIMA-SENPAI...
...SO HE'S GOING TO CHECK ON HER...!!
WHAT A NICE GUY ...!!!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I'M SURE KASHIMA-SENPAI WILL DO HER JOB PER-FECTLY!
YEAH.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D SCREW UP AN ORDER!
SHE'S GOOD AT MEMORIZ-ING STUFF.
AND SHE'LL GET ON JUST FINE WITH THE OTHER WORK-ERS!
YEAH.

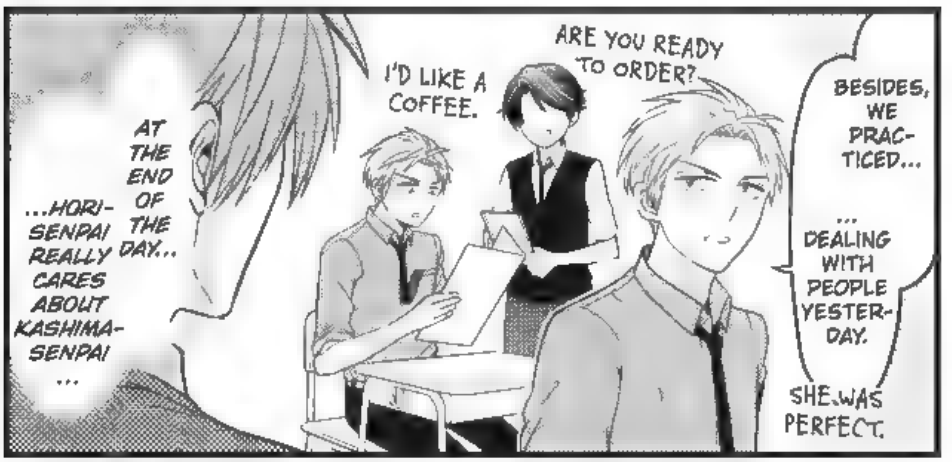
...SENPAI, WHY ARE YOU EVEN GOING THERE ...?
?
HUH?
I'M GOING TO SEE HER DRESSED AS A WAITER.
DUH.

AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS

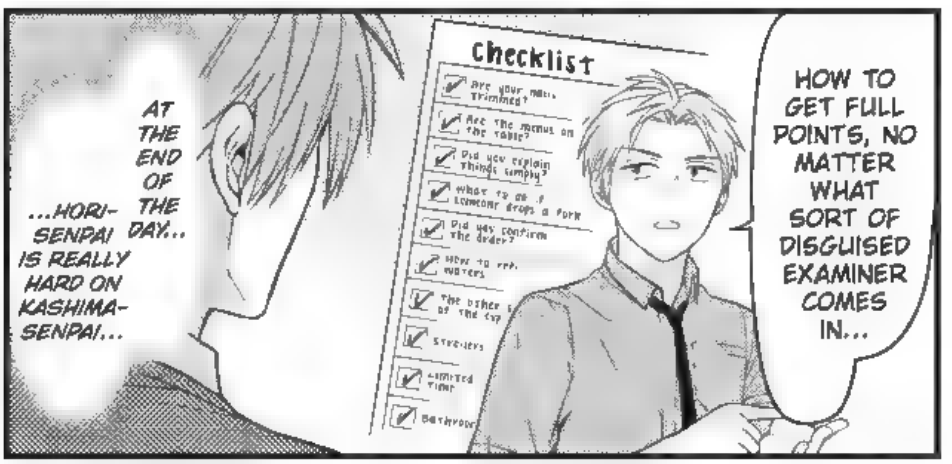
WELCOME TO OUR ESTABLISHMENT...
...SIR.
EVEN IF SHE DOES SCREW UP...
...I'M SURE THEY'LL FORGIVE HER IF SHE SMILES AT THEM.
...BUT YEAH...
THIS IS KASHIMA-KUN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO EVERYTHING SHOULD GO JUST FINE.
MUST BE NICE TO BE HANDSOME.

AT THE END OF THE DAY

HUH?
IS SHE REALLY LIKE THAT?
WE'RE HER FIRST CUSTOMERS, SO SHE'S PROBABLY NERVOUS.
TAKE YOUR JOB SERIOUSLY!
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING ...?


AT THE END OF THE DAY...
...HORI-SENPAI REALLY CARES ABOUT KASHIMA-SENPAI ...
I'D LIKE A COFFEE.
ARE YOU READY TO ORDER?
BESIDES, WE PRACTICED...
... DEALING WITH PEOPLE YESTERDAY.
SHE WAS PERFECT.

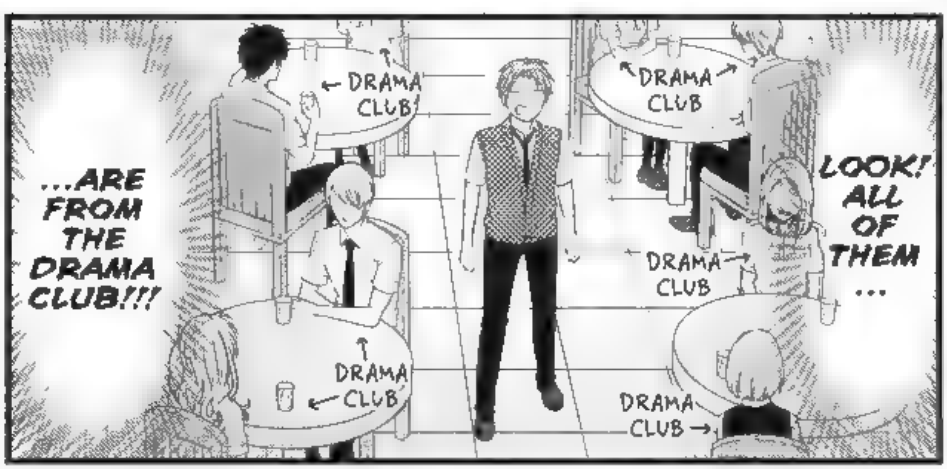
HOW TO MEMORIZE LARGE ORDERS.
HOW TO DEAL WITH ANNOYING ORDERS.
WHAT SORT OF PRACTICE DID YOU DO?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
CUT IT DIFFERENTLY BUT JUST THE SANDWICH.
AND PUT SOME ICE IN MY MELON SODA
CURRY PILAF AND OMELET RICE


AT THE END OF THE DAY...
...HORI-SENPAI IS REALLY HARD ON KASHIMA-SENPAI...
Checklist
HOW TO GET FULL POINTS, NO MATTER WHAT SORT OF DISGUISED EXAMINER COMES IN...

AND TO BE HONEST ...
...I FEEL LIKE IT'S ALL PEOPLE FROM OUR SCHOOL...
I FIGURED PEOPLE WOULD BE A LOT MORE EXCITED ABOUT HER
...IT'S ACTUALLY SURPRISINGLY QUIET, GIVEN THAT KASHIMA-SENPAI IS HERE...

AND THEM TOO...
THEM ...
HUH ...?

...WAS THE ONLY ACTUAL CUSTOMER IN THE CAFÉ...
...THAT I...
AND THAT ...
...IS WHEN I REAL-IZED...


...ARE FROM THE DRAMA CLUB!!!
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LOOK! ALL OF THEM ...

BUT I JUST CAME TO GET COFFEE LIKE A NORMAL PERSON !!!
RIGHT NOW...
...WE'RE SIMPLY ACTORS ON THE STAGE THAT IS THIS CAFÉ.
SHH!
KEEP IT DOWN.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WITH YOUR CLUB, SENPAI !!?

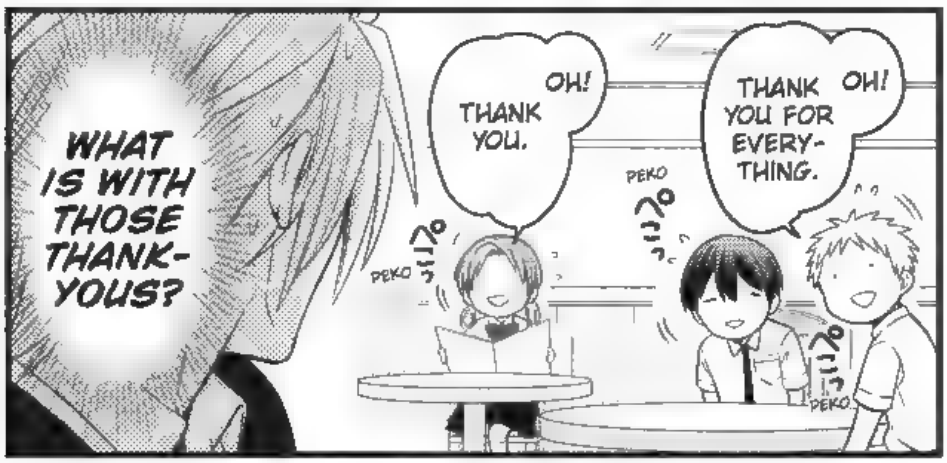
YOU SAY SOMETHING TOO, SENPAI !!!
OH! KA-SHIMA-SENPAI !!
EXCUSE ME.

...SIR.
...TODAY'S SPECIAL IS THIS SET OF THREE SEASONAL DESSERTS...
WELL...
Dessert

NO.
KASHIMA IS JUST ON THE CLOCK.
DON'T BE AN IDIOT. JUST ORDER SOMETHING.
Menu
OH...!! KASHIMA-SENPAI IS ANOTHER ACTOR PLAYING THE ROLE OF A WAITER... ISN'T SHE, SENPAI ...!?

STRANGE CUSTOMERS

...OH WELL. I GUESS IT'S JUST A COINCI-DENCE.
WHAAAT? NO WAY!
...BUT THEY DON'T SEEM ALL THAT IN-TERESTED IN HER...
SO, ANYWAY...
I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS 'COS OF KA-SHIMA-KUN ...



THEY'RE ALL JUST PRETENDING TO BE CUSTOMERS!?
HUH!?
EVERYONE IN THE CAFÉ IS IN ON IT!?

...OH.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT KASHIMA-KUN...
...YOU CAN'T FOOL ME TOO, YOU KNOW...
THEY SAID THEY'D COME AS NORMAL CUSTOMERS.
...SO THEY ALL SAID THEY'D COME WATCH ...
WELL...
...WE WERE PRACTIC-ING IN THE CLUB-ROOM ...

GATA
GATA
YOU ...
...DID YOUR TIE WRONG ...

OH.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I CAN FIX IT MYSELF...
...SENPAI AND EVERYONE.

SHOCK DOMINOES

HEY, WE HEARD THE NEWS!! KASHIMA-KUN'S FRIENDS ARE HERE, RIGHT?
GIRLS !?
YOU'LL INTRODUCE US IF THERE ARE GIRLS, RIGHT!?
...UH...
WHAT TABLE!? WHAT TABLE!?

CAN I JUST GO AROUND TO ALL THE TABLES, STARTING WITH NUMBER ONE!?
THERE'S LOTS OF GIRLS HERE!!!
LOTS OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!!!
YOU CALM DOWN TOO!!!
ALL RIGHT!!

SOMEONE SPECIAL?
IF IT'S THE ENTIRE CLUB...
...IT MAKES ME WONDER IF MAYBE SOMEONE SPECIAL CAME TOO...
BUT, YOU KNOW...
...SINCE ALL THESE PEOPLE CAME ALL THE WAY TO YOUR WORK TO LOOK IN ON YOU...

SHE ACTUALLY SAID IT!!!
OVER THERE.
HORI-SENPAI IS THE PERSON I PARTICU-LARLY LIKE.

OHH?
HE'S REALLY SHORT, ISN'T HE!?
NOT THE TALL ONE?
DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.
OH! HIM!!
OVER THERE AT TABLE THREE IN THE BLUE SHIRT ...
WHO? WHO!? A GUY? A GIRL?
HORI-SENPAI!!

HE'S HERE!!?
MY SISTER'S MINION!?
YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHO'S CLOSE TO YUZUKI...
OH. THAT'S WAKA. THE ONE I WAS TALKING ABOUT BEFORE.

[ISSUE 74] WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME

KASHIMA CAME TO HELP OUT...
...AT THE CAFÉ WHERE SEO'S BROTHER WORKS.
THE DRAMA CLUB FILLED UP THE ENTIRE CAFÉ.
I'M A CUSTOMER.
I'M JUST A CUSTOMER.
I'M A CUSTOMER TOO.
THEY FEEL LIKE PARENTS AT A CHILD'S RECITAL.
MEAN-WHILE ...
...RYOU-SUKE SEO LEARNED SOME-THING.
AND HORI CAME ...
...TO OB-SERVE.
YOU REALLY DID JUST COME TO WATCH...?
SO? SHE MAKES A PRETTY COOL WAITER, DOESN'T SHE?

THAT'S WAKA-MATSU-KUN.
THE GUY YUZUKI TOOK A LIKING TO.
SO THAT'S ...
... YUZUKI'S MINION ...?

HE LOOKS LIKE THE CALM, CLEVER TYPE.
BUT HE'S STILL YUZUKI'S MINION...?
MAYBE HE'S SUPER-WEAK AND NEGATIVE...?

KASHIMA-KUN... WHAT SORT OF GUY IS HE...?
HUH?
YOU MEAN WAKA-MATSU-KUN?
GORON (ROLL)
GORON
OBEY ME!!!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

WHAT?
HE'S KIND OF AN IDIOT.

LEVELED UP

OHH?
SEO-SENPAI'S .....
I THINK SEO'S BIG BROTHER ASKED HER OR SOMETHING.
I MEAN, IT IS PRETTY NICE...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...WHY IS KASHIMA-SENPAI WORKING AT THIS CAFÉ?
I WONDER...

HER OLDER BROTHER ...
BROTHER
OLDER BROTHER?
SEO-SENPAI
SEO-SENPAI'S BROTHER !!?

SEO-SENPAI
HEY THERE, WAKA!
LET'S GET SOME BARBECUE!
COME TO THIS DINER WITH ME.
...ONLY LEVELED UP...!!!
HE'S PROBABLY SOMETHING HORRIFYING, LIKE SEO-SENPAI...
NO! I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE IT...!!!

OH!
CAN'T DO THAT HERE !!!!
...with foie gras on top!
Let's get some filet mignon ...
LEVELED UP
BROTHER
Hey there! Come to this restaurant with me.

YOU CAN TELL FROM THE NAME TAG, CAN'T YOU?
SEO, SEO...
HER BROTHER'S HERE IN THE CAFÉ RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
HUH!?
HIM!!?
HE SEEMS KINDA WILD.
OH.
THERE.
THAT GUY WITH THE LONGISH HAIR...
STOP IIIT!
...OR LIKE THIS ...!!!
THAT MEANS THAT SENPAI ...
...IS LIKE THIS.
STOP IIIT!
...AND SAYS STUFF LIKE, "YOU'RE SO MEAN, ONII-CHAN!"
I BET SEO GETS PICKED ON AT HOME ...
NO WAY ...!
I WONDER WHY!!
DOKI
DOKI
WAKU
WAKU (EXCITED)
WAKU
DOKI (BADUM)
OH!!! THAT JUST GOT ME A BIT EXCITED!!!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SCARY SOME-TIMES...

I THINK IT'S LIKE THIS

YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MUCH OF NOZAKI'S MANGA...
THAT NEVER HAPPENS, YOU KNOW.
BOTH BROTHER AND SISTER...
...ARE GONNA PICK ON YOU!!
THEN, THIS !!?

HE'S LOSING THE PLOT...
AND SHE'S ACTUALLY AN ANGEL SENT DOWN TO HELP HAMIKO'S LOVE LIFE...NO, MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH SUZUKI AT FIRST SIGHT? NO, TRUTH IS, SHE'S SUZUKI'S PET ANGEL, AND...
YOU THOUGHT HE WAS HER BIG BROTHER, BUT WHAT IF HE WAS HER BIG SISTER INSTEAD WAKA-MATSU?
NO, NOZAKI-SENPAI WOULD DO THIS!!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
I SHOULD PROBABLY GO SAY HI TO HIM...
I'M GONNA GO WASH MY HANDS.
HE'S MY SISTER'S MINION...
...SO HE PROBABLY GOES THROUGH A LOT...
OKAY.

UH...
I'M YUZUKI SEO'S BROTHER.
I HEAR YOU'RE...

GUWA (GLARE)
...CLOSE...

DO
DO (THUD)
SO IT REALLY DID END UP LIKE THIS...!!!
HE'S GONNA BEAT ME UP...!!!
THIS IS HATE...
A LOOK OF PURE HATE ...!!!
HE'S ACTUALLY GLARING AT ME...
...CLOSE TO...
...MY SISTER?

...WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST YUZUKI ...!!!
HE'S A WOUNDED ANIMAL...
...BUT THAT ISN'T THE CASE!!!
HE'S HER UNDER-LING...
...SO I FIGURED HE'D BE ALL CUTE...

CALM DOWN... CALM DOWN, BEAST.
I SHOULD TRY TO SHOW THAT I'M SAFE.

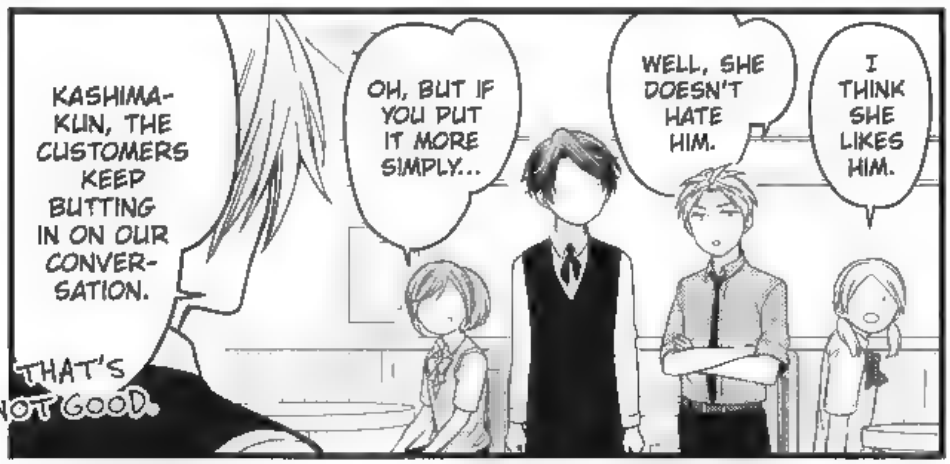
AND MY HANDS ARE EMPTY. SEE, YOU'RE TOTALLY SAFE.
SU (PHISH)
THERE, SEE? I'M NOT HERE FOR A FIGHT.

HE'S TRYING TO INTIMIDATE ME...!!!
SHAAA (ROAR)

How is that getting along well!!!?
...GIVING ME THE EVIL EYE!!
HE'S TOTALLY...
Kashima-kun!!! What the hell has my idiot sister done to that poor kid!!?
?
HUH?
BUT THEY GET ALONG WELL.

HUH?
OH REALLY?
THEY PLAY BASKETBALL TOGETHER.
THEY GO OUT TO EAT AFTER SCHOOL ALL THE TIME.

...SHE ACTUALLY HAS A THING FOR HIM ...!!?
COULD IT BE...
ACK!
WAIT.
BUT THAT'S JUST YUZUKI FORCING HERSELF ON HIM...


KASHIMA-KUN, THE CUSTOMERS KEEP BUTTING IN ON OUR CONVER-SATION.
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
OH, BUT IF YOU PUT IT MORE SIMPLY...
WELL, SHE DOESN'T HATE HIM.
I THINK SHE LIKES HIM.

OH!
DO YOU KNOW HIS SISTER, BY ANY CHANCE?
YOU HAVE A WAITER HERE NAMED SEO-SAN, RIGHT? WHAT'S HE LIKE...?
UM...
LET ME REPEAT YOUR ORDER TO YOU.

...AND WON'T LET ANY OF US MEET HER.
RYOUSUKE TOTALLY DOTES ON HER...
IS SHE REALLY SHELTERED?
CUTE?!
HUH!?
She's super-cute, isn't she?

OH...
SO YUIZUKI MIGHT BE IN LOVE WITH HIM...?
OH...
SO HE SEES SENPAI AS CUTE AND LOVABLE ...?
I BET IF SHE EVER GOT A BOYFRIEND, HE'D TOTALLY BE HARD ON HIM.

POOR GUY...

HE THOUGHT THIS WAS HIS SISTER'S MINION, BUT IT TURNS OUT HE'S THE GUY SHE LIKES.
レ!!
JI (STARE)
IT'S BETTER THAN BEING HER MINION ...
...BUT EVEN SO, IT'S STILL A SHOCK...
SHE'S REALLY IN LOVE...?

BUT, YOU KNOW...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D GO FOR SOMEONE SO NORMAL...
THIS IS YUZUKI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO I FIGURED HE'D BE MORE, WELL...
?

...ARE YOU...
...A FAST RUNNER?
HUH?

YOU GOOD AT DODGE-BALL?
WHEN YOUR CLASS HAS A MILK-DRINKING CONTEST, WHAT PLACE DO YOU GET?
WHAT'S WITH ALL THOSE CHILDISH QUESTIONS...?

COULD IT BE...
...THAT HE THINKS THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH SEO-SENPAI...?
THEN I SHOULD DENY IT...
...TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER ...!!

UM... DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE CALLED THE "GLEE CLUB'S LORELAI"...
...AT OUR SCHOOL ...?
HM?
YEAH ...
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S YUZUKI.
IT'S SUCH AN EMBARRASSING NAME.

I'M IN LOVE WITH HER!!!
SHE IS MY COMFORT. I LONG FOR HER...
...SO, UM...
... PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR SISTER !!!

THEIR FEEL-INGS ARE MUTUAL !!!
WAAAH!
THEIR FEELINGS ARE FREAKIN' MUTUAL!!!
HE TOLD ME NOT TO WORRY!!!

YUZUKI!
WAKAMATSU-KUN CAME BY MY WORK TODAY!!
HUH?
NII-CHAN, YOU KNOW WAKA?

HEH HEH HEH!
TIME TO TEASE HER!
HE'S A GOOD KID, ISN'T HE?
I REALLY LIKE HIM, YOU KNOW. HE'D MAKE A GREAT LITTLE BROTHER!
GET NICE AND BASHED!!

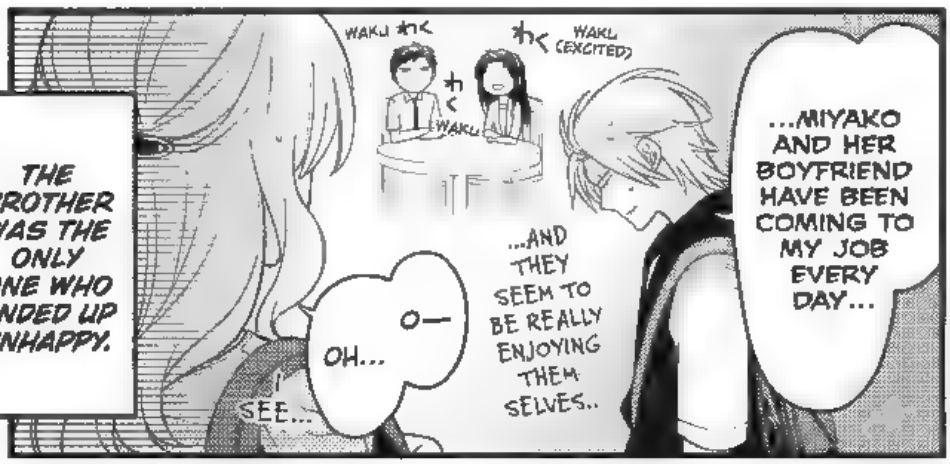
YOU SHOULD INVITE HIM OVER SOMETIME!
COME ON, YUZUKI-CHAN!
BWAH HA HA HA HA!
.....

WHO DO YOU WANNA HANG OUT WITH, ME OR MY BROTHER?
ME, RIGHT?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NEITHER.

THE RESULTS OF THE HUBBUB

OH? RYOUSUKE-SAN'S SISTER?
SO HE HAS A SISTER.
I JUST HEARD THAT RYOUSUKE-KUN'S LITTLE SISTER IS GOING TO GET HERSELF A BOYFRIEND!
GUESS WHAT, NOZAKI-KUN!?

WHA—!?
THAT CAFÉ!?
I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN THAT!!
YOU KNOW, THE PLACE WE WENT THE OTHER DAY!..
...AND ACTUALLY ANNOUNCED, "I LOVE YOUR SISTER!"
AND GUESS WHAT ELSE!?
THIS BOY CAME TO THE CAFÉ HE WORKS AT...


THE BROTHER WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ENDED UP UNHAPPY.
I SEE...
OH...
O—
...AND THEY SEEM TO BE REALLY ENJOYING THEMSELVES..
WAKU
WAKU
WAKU (EXCITED)
...MIYAKO AND HER BOYFRIEND HAVE BEEN COMING TO MY JOB EVERY DAY...

SENPAI'S STRICT CHECK

AND SO, I THINK I'M GOING TO BE WEARING A GUY'S UNIFORM WHEN THE TIME COMES.
LIKE THIS.
OH?
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU CHANGE YOUR HAIRSTYLE TO FIT THAT A LITTLE MORE?
THEY TRIED IT.
.....
?
WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS... THEY'RE GONNA HAVE MORE TRAFFIC THAN USUAL JUST WITH KASHIMA THERE, BUT COULD THIS ACTUALLY BRING IN EVEN MORE? THAT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE OTHER CUSTOMERS
NO.
HUH?
IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD?

[Extra]

DOUBT

SEO-SENPAI'S BROTHER IS OBSESSED WITH HIS SISTER.
I WONDER WHY...
COULD IT BE THAT SENPAI IS ACTUALLY NICE TO HER BROTHER?

SEO-SENPAI.
COULD YOU TRY THINKING OF ME LIKE A BIG BROTHER FOR A BIT?
HUH!?
WHY!?
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME.

SOMETHING BUGGING HIM...
IS THIS SOMETHING SERIOUS ...?
...IN THAT CASE, I MIGHT AS WELL PLAY ALONG SERIOUSLY...

THEN, FIRST ...
...YOU NEED TO CALL ME YUZUKI-CHAN, ONII-CHAN.
OKAY !!!
UNDERSTOOD, YUZUKI-CHAN!!!
YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO WHAT YOUR SISTER SAYS, ONII-CHAN.
HUH?
OKAY !!! O—
UNDERSTOOD, YUZUKI-CHAN!!!

CLIP: RED BEAN MANGO CARAMEL PUDDING

SO MAYBE HE JUST SEES HER AS CUTE AND LOVABLE BECAUSE OF THE BOND BETWEEN SIBLINGS ...?
SHE'S NOT ACTUALLY BEING ANY NICER...
.....
ONII-CHAN! ONII-CHAN! ONII-CHAN!

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HEY, NOZAKI.
WHAT DOES THIS ENDING MEAN?
WHY IS HE SUDDENLY TALKING ABOUT THE MOON?
THE MOON...
...IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
DOKIN-CRADUM
OH. THAT'S FROM SOSEKI NATSUME.

THERE'S THIS TALE ABOUT HOW HE TRANSLATED "I LOVE YOU" AS "THE MOON IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?"
WHEN THE MOON COMES UP, IT'S PRETTY MUCH ABOUT THIS.
AND "SMART GUYS ARE COOL!" IS A THING LATELY, SO...
THE MOON...
DOKIN
...BUT, YOU KNOW, FORESHADOWING IS IMPORTANT.

I WOULD JUST KIND OF DROP IT IN LIKE THIS.
IT'S SOSEKI !!
HEY, KEEP IT DOWN!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M READING SOSEKI!
MAMIKO! WHAT ARE YOU READING?
OH!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A SMART CONVERSATION.

AAAH...
SOSEKI, HUH?
THAT'S SO NICE.
SOO ROMANTIC.
羅生門
Rashomon
Soseki Natsume
夏目漱石
BUT THAT'S NOT BY SOSEKI !!!

HUH?
ME?
"I-LOVE YOU."
SO, HOW WOULD YOU TRANSLATE IT?
OH WELL, I GUESS WHAT'S POPULAR IS JUST POPULAR ...
BESIDES, THAT'S NOT EVEN A LINE FROM HIS WRITING. THERE'S ALL SORTS OF WRONG THERE.

TECH-NIQUE!?
"THAT BETA IS BEAUTI-FUL, ISN'T IT?"

HUH?
ME!?
TH—
THEN, HOW WOULD YOU TRANS-LATE IT, SENPAI!!?
IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT YOU'RE AFTER!!
THAT'S JUST YOU TRYING TO SCOUT AN ASSIS-TANT!!!
HEY, THAT'S NOT EVEN ABOUT RO-MANCE!

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHAT YOU'RE AFTER TOO, SENPAI.
"YOUR LEGS ARE SO LOVELY" ...?

LOVE IN A LIBRARY, HUH...?
THAT'S GOOD!
...SO AFTER THAT HAPPENED, I WAS THINKING...
...HOW ABOUT I DO A LIBRARY STORY NEXT?
WITH A BOOKISH GIRL OR SOMETHING...

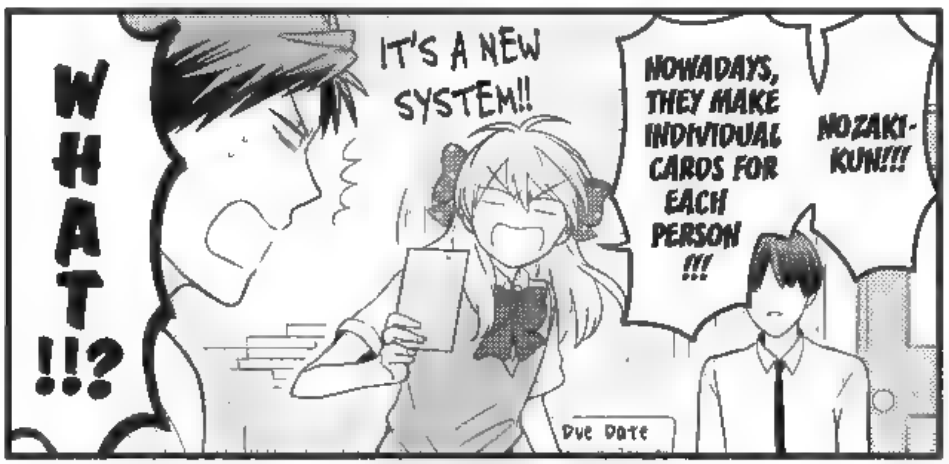
THUS, THEIR LOVE BEGINS... ♡
THEY BOTH HAPPEN TO REACH FOR THE SAME BOOK.
IN THAT CASE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A SCENE LIKE THAT!
JUST KIDDING!
HEE HEE HEE!

NOW !!!
KA (GLINT)
SU (GLIDE)

JITA (FLAIL)
JITA
BATA
BATA (FWAP)

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

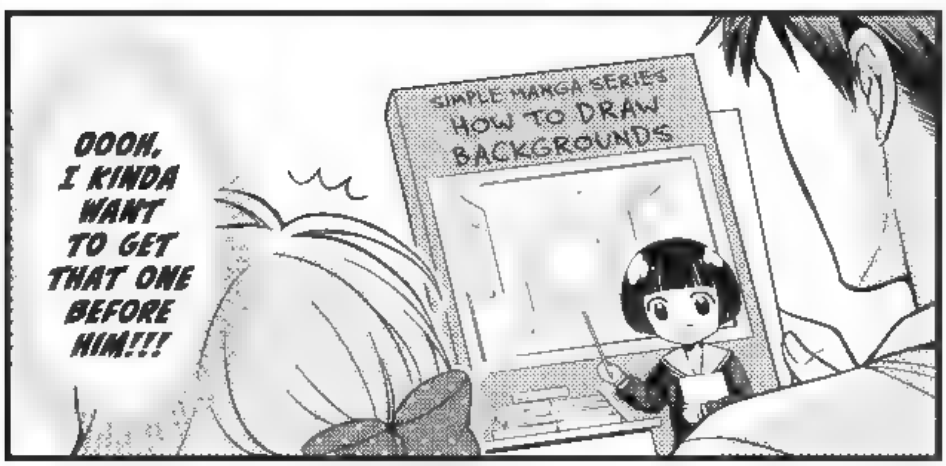
I WONDER WHAT HE'S LIKE...?
THIS BOY ALWAYS CHECKS OUT THESE BOOKS...
...RIGHT BEFORE ME...
THE BIG TROPE IN LIBRARY STORIES HAS TO BE THAT.



GUESS I'LL CHECK OUT A COUPLE OF BOOKS TO TEST IT...
SO THIS IS A PERSONAL CARD...
OHHH...

I'LL HAVE TO CHECK THAT OUT AFTER HIM FOR SURE!!!
...THE BOY I LIKE DID!
I CHECKED IT OUT RIGHT AFTER...
OH, THIS IS THAT ...!!!
I REALLY LIKE BOOKS LIKE THIS...!!

I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS!!!
COLLECTION OF MEN'S POSES
ONLY WEARING UNDERWEAR!
YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING!


OOOH, I KINDA WANT TO GET THAT ONE BEFORE HIM!!!
SIMPLE MANGA SERIES
HOW TO DRAW BACKGROUNDS

STICKING IN A TOUCHING MOMENT

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO DOING...?
SAKURA WENT HOME.
SO, ANYWAY, IT ENDED WITH ME CHECKING OUT A BOOK...
...BEFORE I COULD COME UP WITH A STORY IDEA.

OH!
I LIKE THAT!
I WROTE BACK JUST FOR FUN, AND WE STARTED EXCHANGING LETTERS...
ONE DAY...
...I FOUND A LETTER STUCK IN A BOOK.
YOU SOMETIMES SEE THE "EXCHANGING LETTERS USING A SINGLE BOOK" PLOT...
BUT STILL, A BOOK STORY, HUH ...?

WHAA—!?
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA START WRITING LETTERS!?
I WANT TO TRY THAT ONE OUT. WILL YOU HELP ME?
ANYWAY, AS FOR THE BOOK TO STICK THE LETTERS IN...
COME ON. THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF A TOUCHING MANGA MOMENT.

NO FREAKING WAY!
COLLECTION OF MEN'S POSES
ONLY WEARING UNDERWEAR!
YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING!
GORGEOUS PHYSICAL BEAUTY
YOU THINK THE BOOK I GOT TODAY WILL WORK?

WRITE ABOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT. JUST WRITE ME A LETTER.
BUT REALLY ...
...WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO WRITE?
HMM...

"YOU'VE BEEN CHEATING BY FILLING PANELS WITH FLOWERS LATELY.
"MAKE SURE YOU ACTUALLY DRAW SOME PEOPLE ONCE IN A WHILE."

"YOU'VE GOTTEN SLOPPY DRAWING MAMIKO RECENTLY. BE MORE CAREFUL."
"THAT OUTFIT SUZUKI HAD ON LAST TIME WAS AWFUL.
"MAYBE YOU SHOULD LOOK AT SOME FASHION MAGS?"

DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI (RADIUM)
DOKI
DOKI
MY HEART POUNDS WHEN I OPEN EACH LETTER ...!

COMPLAINTS. COMPLAINTS

NOZAKI-KUN TOLD ME, MIKORIN ...
IS THE RUMOR THAT YOU TWO ARE WRITING LETTERS TO EACH OTHER TRUE...?
IF HE TOLD YOU, THEN IT'S OBVIOUSLY TRUE, ISN'T IT?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HEH-HEH... IN THAT CASE, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
SU (SLIDE)
I WANT YOU TO SUB THIS LETTER FOR ONE OF YOURS.
WHA—!?
DOK (BADUMP)
COULD IT BE A LOVE LETTER!?
Dear Nozaki-kun!♡
Isn't it about time for you to find a girlfriend? I recommend Sakura! You two have fun together! I'm begging you!
Mikoshiba ♡
STOP IT WITH THE CREEPY CURVE-BALLS!!!
P.S.
Mamiko hasn't been too cute lately
Make her cuter.
AND THIS ONE'S A FAST-BALL!!!

ME TOO, ME TOO

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MIKOSHIBA?
PUTTING A LETTER IN A BOOK, AT NOZAKI'S REQUEST.
HMM.

NOZAKI-SENPAI...
...ARE YOU TIRED?
NO, I JUST WISH I COULD GET SOME NICER LETTERS...
HUH?
LETTERS?

IT'S BEEN A COUPLE OF DAYS.
I WONDER WHAT WAS WITH THAT LETTER ...
ONE MORE LOOK ...
YEAH, I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE ONE MORE LITTLE LOOK...
BORO (SNEAK)

...AT THAT LETTER...
Good luck!
DRAMA CLUB
AFTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
THERE'S MORE!!!

THE LIBRARY ...
...WAS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE...
UGH...
SO... ...YOU RAN AWAY?

THAT CALM, QUIET, CLEVER SPACE...
...FIT SUZUKI TO A T...
BUT IT WASN'T ALL FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW.

...COMES SUZUKI REBORN !!!
BA (WHIP)
AND FROM THAT EXPERI-ENCE...

HEY, YOU CHECKED OUT SOME WEIRD BOOK, DIDN'T YOU?
SUZUKI !!!
GOOD MORN-ING.
YOU'RE ...!
PATAN (SHUT)
YOU'RE BEING RATHER LOUD SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
WHAT !?

YOU TOO?
OH!
YEAH, THAT.
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A TRUE STORY THOUGH.
YOU MEAN THE THING ABOUT TRANSLATING "I LOVE YOU" AS "THE MOON IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?"
...THIS ALL STARTED FROM THAT SOSEKI THING, DIDN'T IT?
COME TO THINK OF IT...
OH YEAH. HOW WOULD YOU TRANSLATE "I LOVE YOU"?
HMM... LET'S SEE...
ME?
SIMPLE MANGA SERIES
HOW TO DRAW BACKGROUNDS
...I think.
"...I'd learn to draw back-grounds."
"For you...
TECH-NIQUE AGAIN !!!

"THAT BETA IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?"

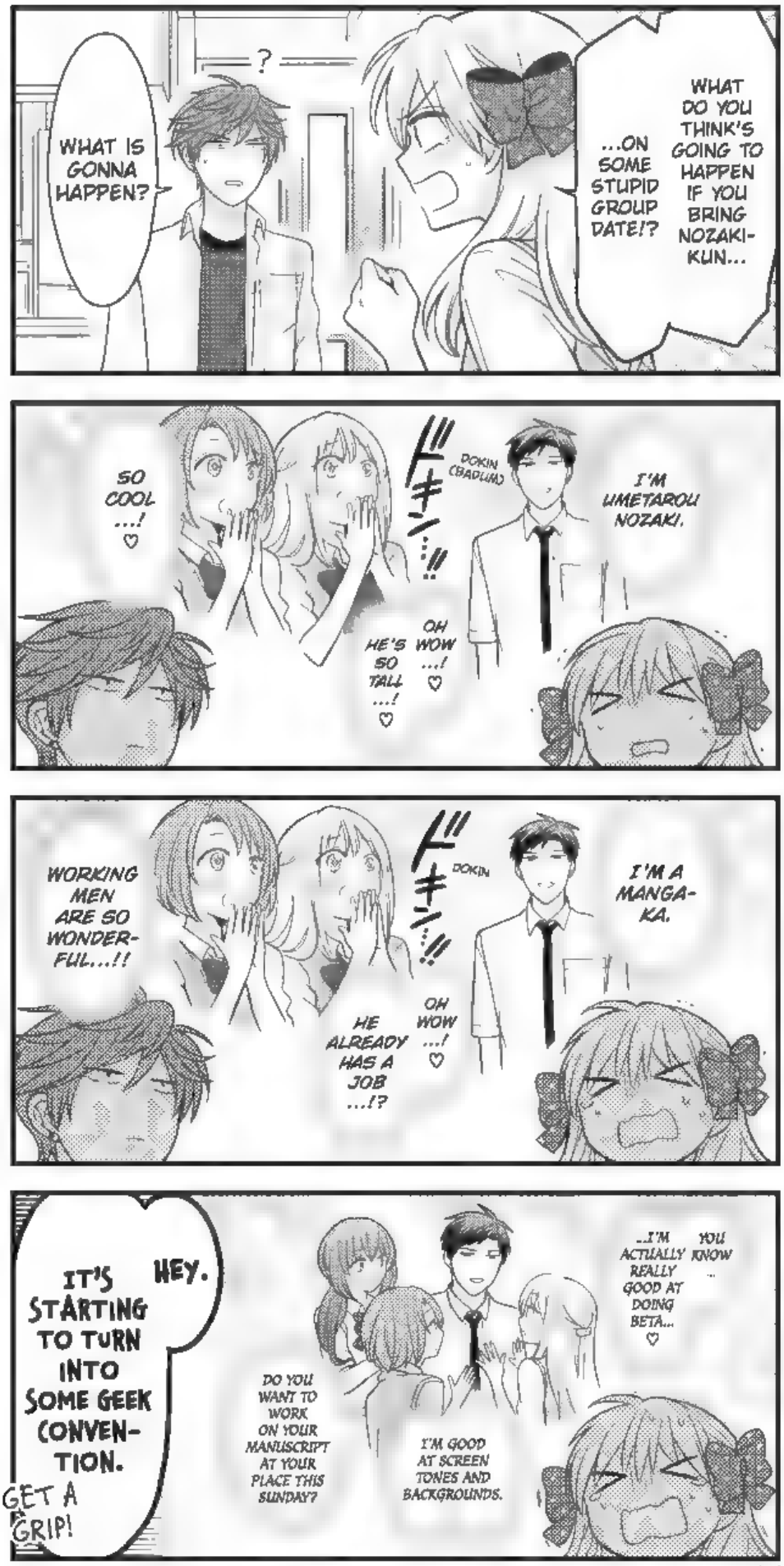
...IT'LL BE JUST LIKE HE SAID "I LOVE YOU" ...!!!
IF I CAN GET HIM TO SAY THAT...
WHICH MEANS ...
...IS "THAT BETA IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?"
IT TURNS OUT THAT NOZAKI-KUN'S "I LOVE YOU"...
YEAH. IT'S REALLY EVEN. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
I DID A GREAT JOB WITH THIS BETA!
NOZAKI-KUN, LOOK!
"ISN'T IT?"!!!
"IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?" NOZAKI-KUN!!!
HUH?
?
SO CLOSE !!!
UHH ...
SAY THAT A LITTLE MORE FORMALLY!
NOT LIKE THAT!
'TIS BEAUTIFUL, YONDER BETA.

[ISSUE 76]

ON A GROUP DATE... (REDUX)

MIKO-SHIBA!
THAT GROUP DATE WE ASKED YOU TO COME ON'S GONNA BE THIS WEEK!
HUH!?
YOU HAVE TO COME THIS TIME!
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE.
DAMMIT... I DON'T THINK I'M GONNA BE ABLE TO GET AWAY THIS TIME...
OKAY, THEN I'M GONNA BRING ANOTHER PERSON TOO.
OH.
NOT KASHI-MA.
HUH!?
MAKE IT A GUY WHO DOESN'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND.
BUT...!
NO WAY...!!?
THEN, WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO TALK TO...
...WHILE I'M ON THE GROUP DATE!!?
TALK TO THE GIRLS!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS


WHAT IS GONNA HAPPEN?
?
WHAT DO YOU THINK'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF YOU BRING NOZAKI-KUN...
...ON SOME STUPID GROUP DATE!?
SO COOL ...! ♡
DOKIN (BADUM)
ドキン…!!
I'M UMETAROU NOZAKI.
HE'S SO TALL ...! ♡
OH WOW ...! ♡
WORKING MEN ARE SO WONDER-FUL...!!
DOKIN
ドキン…!!
I'M A MANGA-KA.
HE ALREADY HAS A JOB ...!?
OH WOW ...! ♡
HEY.
IT'S STARTING TO TURN INTO SOME GEEK CONVEN-TION.
GET A GRIP!
DO YOU WANT TO WORK ON YOUR MANUSCRIPT AT YOUR PLACE THIS SUNDAY?
I'M GOOD AT SCREEN TONES AND BACKGROUNDS.
...I'M ACTUALLY REALLY GOOD AT DOING BETA... ♡
YOU KNOW ...

LET'S COMPROMISE!

YOU CAN JUST SIT THERE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING.
DON'T WORRY.
WANNA COME GET SOMETHING TO EAT WITH MIKOSHIBA-NIISAN?
MAYU.
WELL, HE'LL DO IN A CRUNCH ...

AND ASK ME TO COME WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO THE BATH-ROOM.
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME ALONE!!
AND IF I LOOK AT YOU, BEGGING FOR HELP, HELP ME.
...BUT IF I TALK TO YOU, ANSWER ME.
OH.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY-THING ...

HUH? YOU WANT TO TAKE MAYU?
I DON'T MIND.
AS LONG AS YOU FILL ME IN LATER...

YOU KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO GROUP DATES ...
...THERE ARE STORIES ABOUT SILENT TYPES LIKE MAYU TOO...
THAT GUY...
...HASN'T SAID ANYTHING THIS WHOLE TIME...
MAYBE HE GOT DRAGGED INTO THIS AGAINST HIS WILL...
HE DOES LOOK LIKE HE'S IN A BAD MOOD... AND HE'S KIND OF SCARY...

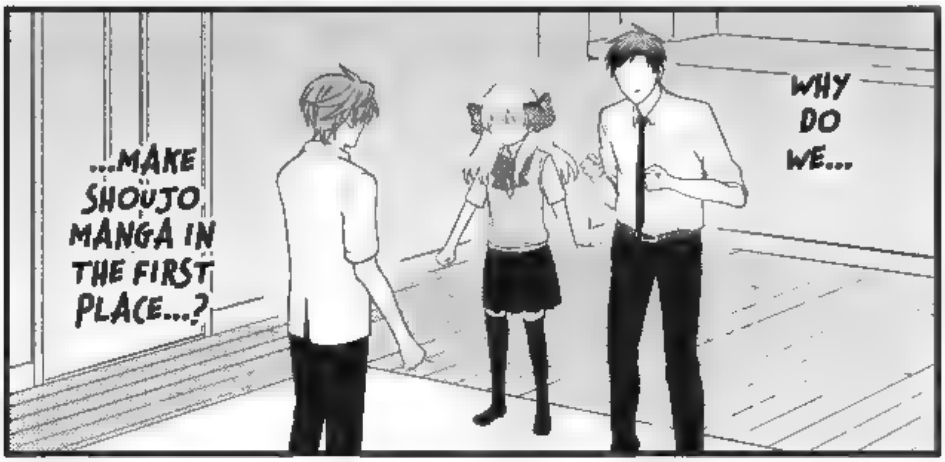
BUT THEN, WHEN EVERY-ONE LEAVES ...
...SHE'S ABOUT TO BE WHISKED AWAY BY A PLAYBOY, AND THEN...
HANDS OFF.
SORRY, BUT SHE'S MINE.
HUH?
I'VE HAD MY EYE ON HER SINCE I FIRST SAW HER.

UM...
HMPH.
THEY GO AFTER YOU 'COS YOU'RE SO WIDE OPEN
ARE YOU A COM-PLETE IDIOT?
HUH?
KA (FLUSH)
D-DON'T I JUST SAY.
I WAS WOR RIED
...THAT I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU?
I REALLY DON'T CARE...
...BUT THIS GUY TALKS TOO MUCH FOR A SILENT CHARAC-TER.
DOKIN (BADUM)

WHY DOES HE DRAW SHOUJO MANGA IN THE FIRST PLACE...?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE.
...AND SAY, "THIS ONE'S MINE," YOU'RE ALL GOOD.
IF YOU SIMPLY STAND IN FRONT OF SOMEONE WHO'S ABOUT TO BE WHISKED AWAY...

O—
I'M GONNA GET THROUGH IT WITHOUT ANYTHING HAPPENING AND THEN RUN AWAY!!!
OH!
OKAY! TIME TO GO OVER OUR GOALS FOR GROUP DATE DAY!
MIKO-SHIBA?

I'LL GO FOR EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE!!!
...EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE!
I—
I'M, UM...
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PLANS, SO...
I'M...
...GOING TO GET STORIES ABOUT IT FROM MIKOSHI-BA AND MAYU!
LET'S DO IT!!


...MAKE SHOUJO MANGA IN THE FIRST PLACE...?
WHY DO WE...

THE DAY OF THE GROUP DATE
...SO, THIS IS MY KOUHAI, MAYU.
OHHH!
YOU'RE A HANDSOME GUY, MAYU-KUN!
LET'S DO THIS!
BY THE WAY...
...I TOLD THEM YOU'RE A FIRST-YEAR FROM A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.
OKAY?
HUH.
A FIRST-YEAR...
UM, I HEARD THAT THERE'S A FIRST-YEAR BOY HERE. I'M A FIRST-YEAR TOO!
HOW OLD ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
HOW OLD ...?
.....
?
HMM...
OH SHIT !!!
IT WON'T COME UP THAT MUCH, SO JUST MAKE SOMETHING UP!!!
GO FOR IT, MAYU!!
I'M YOUNGER AND MORE FRESH-FACED THAN YOU.
THAT'S NASTY!

MM...
RIGHT! WATCH OVER ME, JUST LIKE WE PROMISED!
HUH! SINCE THERE'S SOMEONE I KNOW HERE, I CAN RELAX A LITTLE. IT'S NICE...
MIKOSHIBA-KUN, YOU'RE SO COOL!
SINCE YOU'RE HERE RIGHT NOW ...
...THAT MEANS YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
I MIGHT JUST GO FOR YOU
AWWWW!
NO FAIR!!
KYAAA!
SINCE YOU'RE SO DEFENSELESS, I MIGHT JUST HAVE TO GO AFTER YOU MYSELF.
DON'T YOU FORGET THAT MEN ARE THE HUNTERS.
STOP ...
DON'T LOOK AT ME...
WHICH ONE IS IT?

A FUN GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS

THEY COME ON TOO STRONG...!

YOU TWO DON'T COME ON TOO STRONG.
YOU BOTH ACTUALLY HAVE GIRL-FRIENDS, DON'T YOU?
HUH!?
BIKU (FLINCH)
NO. I MEAN, UH...
TEE HEE HEE!
ACTU-ALLY...
...I HAVE A BOY-FRIEND TOO.
I'M JUST HERE TO 'EVEN' OUT THE NUMBERS.

"TAK-KUN" DOESN'T MEAN ANY-THING TO ME.
WHAT'S HIS LAST NAME? HIS WEIGHT?
GU!
...FOR MIGHT I ASK... HIS NUM-BER?
OH NO...! HE'S A TOTAL PREDA-TOR ...!!!
HE'S A PREDA-TOR...!!!

I THOUGHT IF WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS, I COULD MAYBE GET HIM TO PRACTICE WITH ME...
I WANTED HIS CONTACT INFORMATION.
DON'T ACT SO SHADY...
...YOU JUDO IDIOT.
HUH?
DO YOU LIKE JUDO, MAYU-KUN?
HAYASHI-KUN SAYS HE'S PRETTY GOOD TOO, YOU KNOW!
WELL, NOT THAT GOOD ...
AHH... THIS WAS A TOTAL BUST.
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYONE'S NUMBER YET...
I BET YOU THOSE TWO ARE CHATTING UP THE GIRLS AND GETTING THEIR NUMBERS RIGHT NOW.
DAMMIT!
ガイ
GI (CREAK)
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR NUMBER.
WH—
WHAT WILL YOU GET...
...OUT OF HAVING MINE!?
STAY BACK!!!
EEEEEK!

HOKU (HAPPY)
ほく
HOKU
ほく
TODAY WAS REALLY FUN.
REALLY ...?
GOT IT N THE END
...BUT I GUESS SINCE HE DOESN'T MIND, IT'S ALL GOOD...
THEY TOTALLY THOUGHT THAT HE LIKES GUYS...
MIKO-SHIBA-KUUUN! ♡

HUH !?
ARE YOU FREE LATER?
LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!
I—! NO!
ME TOO! NO FAIR!
WE WON'T BITE! COME ON.

(SU (FWISH)
HM?
...I REMEMBERED ...
AT THAT MOMENT ...
...THE TERRIFYING SPELL ...
...THAT HIS BROTHER HAD TAUGHT HIM...

THIS ONE'S ...
...MINE.
HE DRAGGED ME DOWN WITH HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED LATER

I GOT THE NUMBER OF A MEMBER OF THE ROMAN HIGH SCHOOL JUDO TEAM.
SERIOUSLY!!? WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING ON YOUR GROUP DATE?
STILL, THAT'S AMAZING!!! LET'S CALL HIM RIGHT NOW!!!
Pi!! (BEEP)
This number is not currently in use.
If someone ...bugs me for my number on a group date...
...I just give him a fake number.
YEAH, YEAH!
High School Girls' Love Tales
I THINK PEOPLE LIKE THAT ARE DESPICABLE ...
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM ON THAT GROUP DATE ...?

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READING WITH HORRIBLE FACES

WHY IS THIS GUY SO POPULAR?
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO INTER-RUPT...
OH...
THE BOYS ARE READING THAT RIGHT NOW.
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS SO MINOR!
THIS GIRL IS SO STUPID!

BOOK: STAR TALES, VOLUME 1 (WRITTEN BY TANAKA—)

...A FULL SET OF LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ ...!!!
THAT'S ...
NOZAKI-KUN!?
SA-KURA ...
...YOU CAN PASS THESE AROUND TOO.
KOSO (SNEAK)

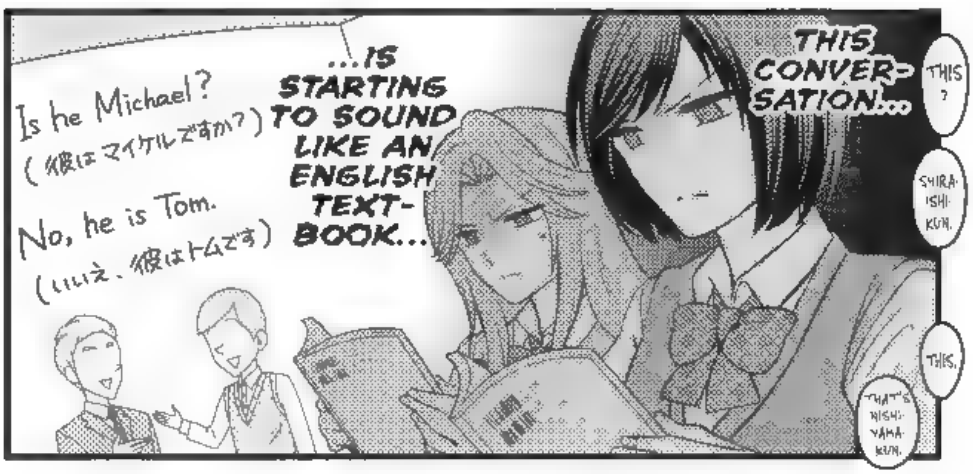
...WILL BE ABLE TO READ IT WITH-OUT ANY ISSUES.
I'M SURE EVEN THE GUYS ...
LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ MAY BE A SHOUJO MANGA, BUT IT WAS WRITTEN BY A GUY...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

BUT I BET THE GIRLS LOVE THIS KINDA STUFF...
AND THE CONTENTS ARE LIKE ONE BIG GIRLIE FANTASY...
IT'S EMBAR-RASSING
UGH. I JUST CAN'T WITH THIS.
THE ART IS SOOO GIRLIE. I CAN'T READ IT!

AAAAH!
IT PISSES YOU OFF, DOESN'T IT, NOZAKI-KUN!?
NO-ZAKI-KUN!!
IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
AH!
AAAAH!
AAAAH!
BUT IT ALSO MAKES YOU A LITTLE HAPPY, DOESN'T IT, NOZAKI-KUN!!?
AAAAH!

A CONVERSATION ABOUT LOVE

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON ME.
OOMORI-KUN!
BUT...
DON'T HOLD BACK.
HEY.
OOMORI-KUN'S HAIR SUDDENLY GOT LIGHTER IN PANEL THREE. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
THAT'S NOT OOMORI-KUN. THAT'S ARAI-KUN.



!
IF YOU KEEP FAVORING JUST ONE KOUHAI IN YOUR CLUB, OF COURSE THEY'LL GET PICKED ON.
LIKE, IF YOU'RE HANGING OUT TOGETHER ON THE WEEKENDS...
YEAH.
YOU KNOW, THE GUY IS WRONG HERE TOO.

SHIT!!
THAT MEANS WAKA'S IN TROUBLE !!!
HANGING OUT TOGETHER IS A BAD THING ...!?

WHY IS IT ALWAYS JUST YOU?
YOU TWO HUNG OUT TOGETHER YESTERDAY?
I BET HIS CLASSMATES ARE PICKING ON HIM WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING ...!!
WAKA...!!
ぐったり...
GUTTARI (EXHAUSTED)
...HE DOES ALWAYS SEEM KINDA TIRED...
YOU KNOW, THE DAY AFTER WE HANG OUT...

HOYA
CHIYA
HAVE SOME CHOCOLATE.
WANT SOME CANDY?
CHEER UP, WAKAMATSU.
TAKE IT EASY TODAY, 'KAY? WAKAMATSU.
YOU WENT OUT YESTERDAY WITH SEO-SENPAI, RIGHT?
HOYA (EUSS)
CHIYA (FAWN)

ALL RIGHT! I'M GOING FOR IT!!
...SHE DECIDED TO TREAT EVERYONE THE SAME STARTING TODAY.
SO...

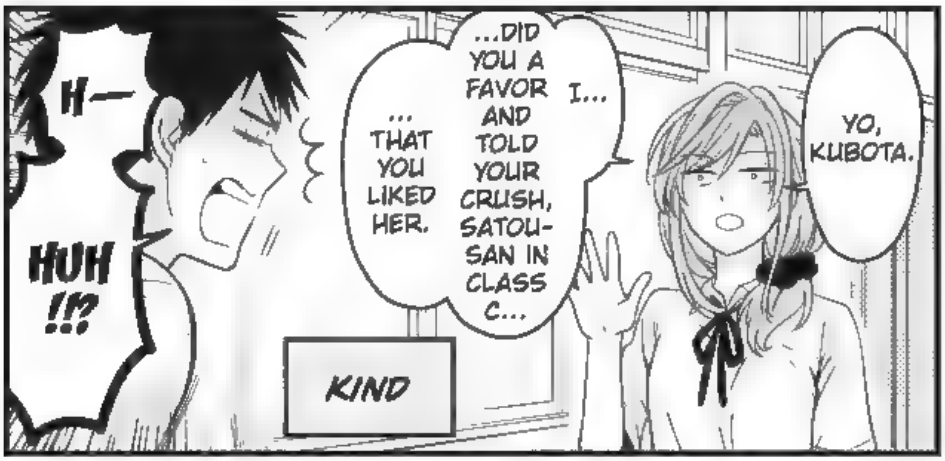
HUH!!?
KUBOTA, YOU'RE UP!!
HAH!
WAKA...!
BALL (FWOOSH)
ME!!?
ばっ

I'M PASSING THE BALL TO EVERYONE EQUALLY...
THIS IS DEFINITELY GROWN-UP CONSIDERATION I'M SHOWING...
WAKA...!
KAMISHIRO, HERE!!!
WAAAAH!!
ドズッ
DOSU (THUD)
MUKAI, HERE!!
WAKA...!
EEK!

I BET SHE JUST LEARNED THAT TRICK AND CAN'T HELP BUT USE IT.
SHE'LL GET BORED WITH IT SOON, SO HANG IN THERE.
WHAT'S WITH HER...?
...SEEMED TO BE ALL ABOUT THE FEINTS TODAY...
SEO-SENPAI...

WAKA, I'M INTO PHILAN-THROPY AS OF TODAY.
HUH ...?
PHILAN-THROPY...
THAT MEANS ...
...LOVING EVERYONE, PLAYING WITH EVERYONE ...
...EQUALLY...
BISHA (SPLASH)
WAH!
COLD!!
.....
NO, IT'S NOT.
SEE, WAKA? THIS IS PHILAN-THROPIC LOVE.

KIND AND GENTLE, HUH...?
LISTEN UP. IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE PHILAN-THROPIC ...
...YOU HAVE TO BE KIND AND GENTLE.


H—
HUH !!?
...DID YOU A FAVOR AND TOLD YOUR CRUSH, SATOU-SAN IN CLASS C...
I...
... THAT YOU LIKED HER.
YO, KUBOTA.
KIND

GENTLE
I'M NOT...
...GONNA TELL YOU HER ANSWER ...
'COS I DON'T WANNA SEE YOU...
...LOOK SAD...

YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST...
...SPIT IT OUT !!!

A SYSTEM THEY'VE SEEN SOMEWHERE BEFORE

OKAY, WE UNDERSTAND YOUR SORT OF LOVE, SEO-SENPAI.
BUT COULD YOU AT LEAST STICK TO ONE TIME...
...PER PERSON, PER DAY ...!?
HNN?
WHAT ARE THOSE?
THEY'RE SEO-SENPAI AFFECTION CARDS.
SO... ...WE CAME UP WITH THESE.
JAAAN (TA-DAA)
OH, THIS IS A RADIO CALISTHENICS CARD!!
Seo-senpai Affection Card
Name
ONCE A DAY, WHEN WE COME INTO CONTACT WITH YOU, WE'LL GET A STAMP ON THE CARD.
OH, THAT'S LIKE THE SIGN AT AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAD PLACE.
I'm full now.
Not today, thank you.
...WE CAN FLIP IT OVER.
BY THE WAY, WHEN WE'RE FEELING PARTICULARLY BAD...

A NEW FORM OF CURRENCY

HEY.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CARD, WAKA?
KAMISHIRO HAS IT TODAY.
I LENT HIM MY TRACK-SUIT.
YOU GONNA HAVE IT TOMORROW?
MUKAI'S GOING TO HAVE IT TOMORROW.
I LET HIM SEE MY HOMEWORK.
HMM.

BATA (THUD)
BATA
...
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
WAAAH!
KYAA!
STOP, PLEASE!!
THIS FEELS RATHER WEIRD...
MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP MY CARD THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW...
BUT SOMEONE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO ASK FOR A FAVOR, AND TURNING THEM DOWN IS JUST KIND OF...

I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS STUFF.
THAT'S IT. WE'RE DONE.
...EVERYONE ELSE'S CARDS?
HUH ...?
THESE ARE...
SEO-SENPAI ...
NOT BEING ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU IS JUST TOO BORING.
WHY?
HUH!?
WELL...
CAN I STILL USE THIS EVERY NOW AND THEN ...?
SEN-PAI...
JUST THROW IT OUT ALREADY!
Not today, thank you.
...THE FLIP SIDE IS REALLY USEFUL...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY GOT FOOLED BY A SHOUJO MANGA, YUZUKI.
I'M AN IDIOT FOR WORRYING ABOUT HIM.
SO IN THE END...
...WAKA WASN'T GETTING PICKED ON.

TREATING EVERYONE THE SAME...
...IS REALLY HARD.
WELL...
...AFTER DOING THAT STUFF, I LEARNED SOME-THING.

YUZUKI...
IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU CAN DO THAT, SUZUKI.
HA HA HA HA!
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS SUZUKI GUY IS ALL ABOUT THE PHILAN-THROPIC LOVE THOUGH.

THAT'S NOT SUZUKI-KUN.
MAHIKO!
I'M... ... WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

THE SAME ALL DAY LONG

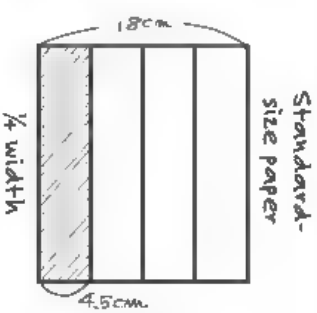
Read this after you read all the way through this chapter! ☆

It's a supplement!

I tried making up my own column like the ones mentioned in the chapter, and this is how it turned out.

You don't see them too often in shounen manga, but they're a pretty popular occurrence in shoujo. They're called all sort of things, but "1/4 space" and "1/4 column" are pretty common.

This name comes from the fact that they've one-fourth of the page in width.



By the way, when it comes to extra material, there are up to six of these columns, plus two to five blank pages. So that means, if you try to fill all of that up with recent events, you'll run out of material really quickly! If someone starts talking about their meals, well... please just understand.

Ken-san...

But how many volumes do you think are actually out?

...there are currently supposed to be four volumes of Let's Fall in Love ♡ out right now.

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT HAS TO BE MORE THAN TEN.

THERE ARE TOO MANY DEADLINES IN THE STORY.

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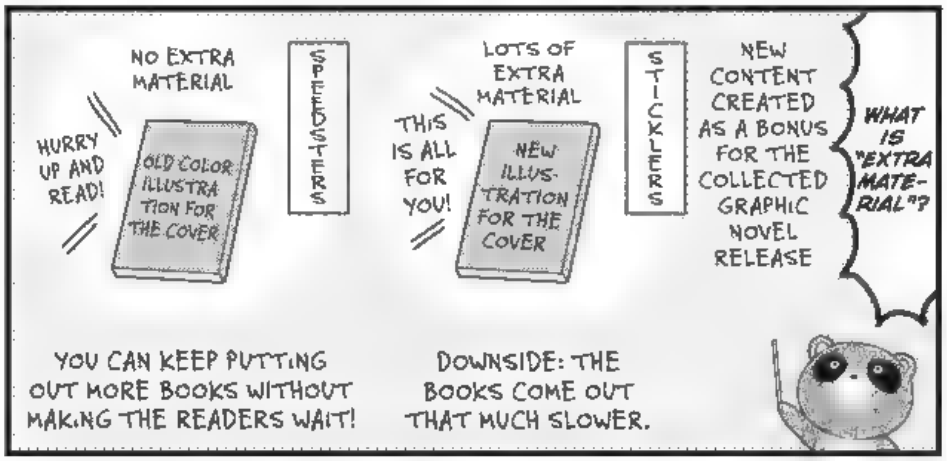
DOING THAT WOULD SLOW DOWN THE RATE OF PUBLICATION...
EXTRA MATERIAL, HUH ...?
YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY EXTRA MATERIAL IN LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡, DO YOU?

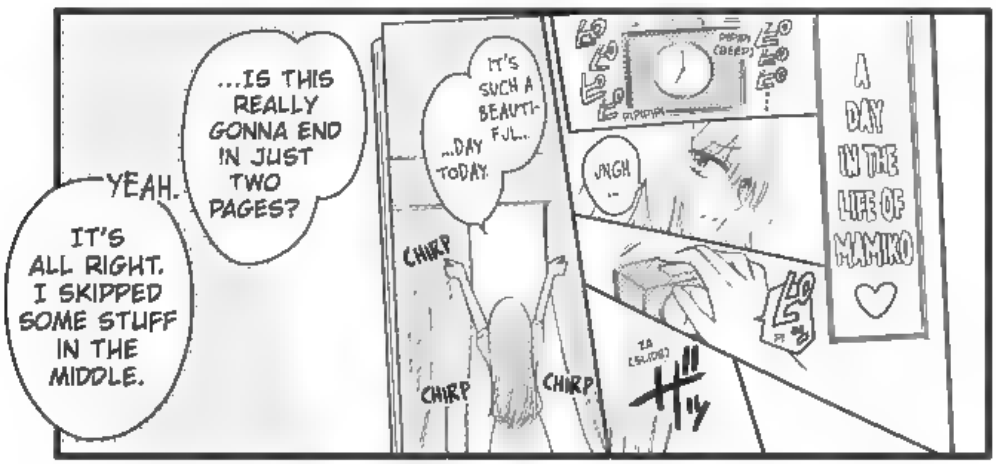

NO EXTRA MATERIAL
HURRY UP AND READ!
OLD COLOR ILLUSTRATION FOR THE COVER
SPEEDSTERS
YOU CAN KEEP PUTTING OUT MORE BOOKS WITHOUT MAKING THE READERS WAIT!
LOTS OF EXTRA MATERIAL
THIS IS ALL FOR YOU!
NEW ILLUSTRATION FOR THE COVER
STICKLERS
DOWNSIDE: THE BOOKS COME OUT THAT MUCH SLOWER.
NEW CONTENT CREATED AS A BONUS FOR THE COLLECTED GRAPHIC NOVEL RELEASE
WHAT IS "EXTRA MATERIAL"?

GASHI (GRABS)
!
YOU'RE ...!!!
IF I ADD IN TWO MORE PAGES AFTER THIS ONE...
BUT, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
MAYBE I'LL TRY THROWING IN A COUPLE OF EXTRA PAGES THIS TIME...
CONTINUED IN THE NEXT VOLUME

HEY, DO YOU REALLY NEED THOSE TWO PAGES?
CONTINUED IN THE NEXT VOLUME
AN-SWER ME!!!
AN-SWER ME ...!
WHO ...?
WHO JUST GRABBED MY ARM ...!?
WHO ARE YOU ...!?
...IT'D BE LIKE THIS...

AN EXTRA, HUH...?
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
LIKE A SHORT STORY OR SOMETHING?
IF YOU CAN'T ADD A CONTINUATION, THEN HOW ABOUT AN EXTRA?

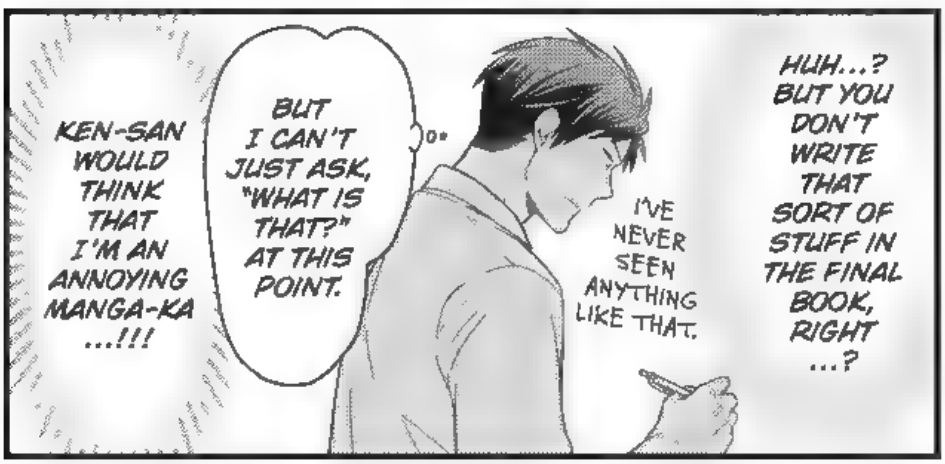
OH! NOT BAD!
LET'S SEE!
I DREW A LITTLE STORY ABOUT MAMIKO'S DAILY LIFE, SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T SHOW UP IN THE MAIN PLOT.
TWO PAGES TOTAL!!
ALL DONE!

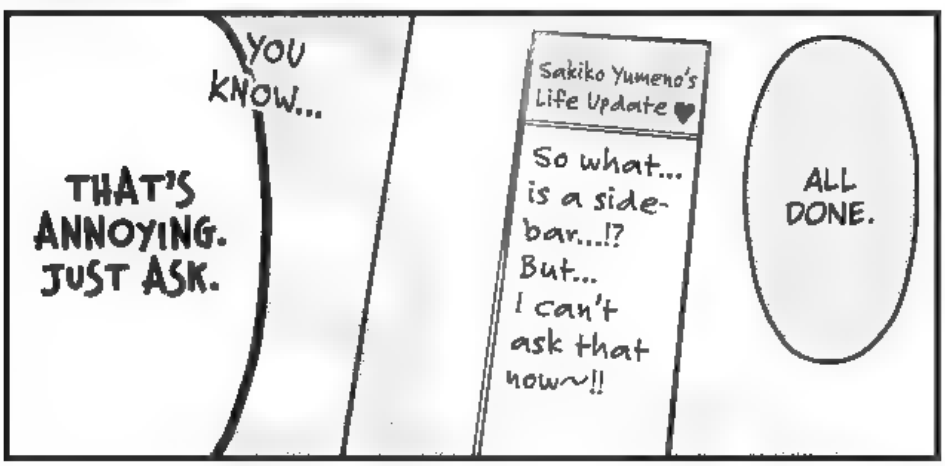

YEAH. IT'S ALL RIGHT. I SKIPPED SOME STUFF IN THE MIDDLE.
...IS THIS REALLY GONNA END IN JUST TWO PAGES?
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL...DAY TODAY.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MAMIKO ♡
UNGH...

I'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF THINGS TO SAY, BUT FIRST OFF, DON'T SKIP THINGS RIGHT THERE!!!
~LATER~
WHEW!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL ♡
END
I'M... ...ALL FULL ♡
A LITTLE BIRDIE...
OH.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
HA HA!
SO CUTE. ♥
AH HA HA HA HA HA!

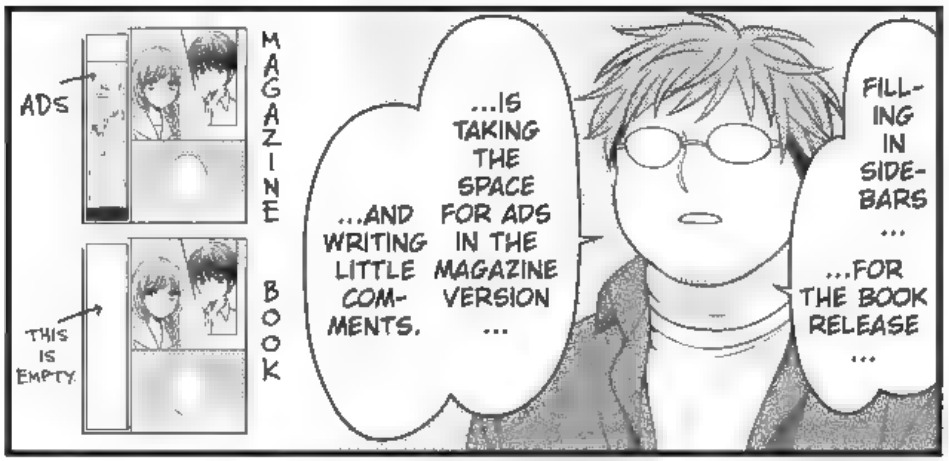
...WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY STARTING WITH A SIDEBAR?
FOR THE EXTRA MATERIAL...
...SO, ANYWAY, WHAT SHOULD I DRAW...?

OO-Sensei's Life Update♡
I've gained a little weight recently!
I GUESS HE MEANS THAT...
A SIDE-BAR ...?

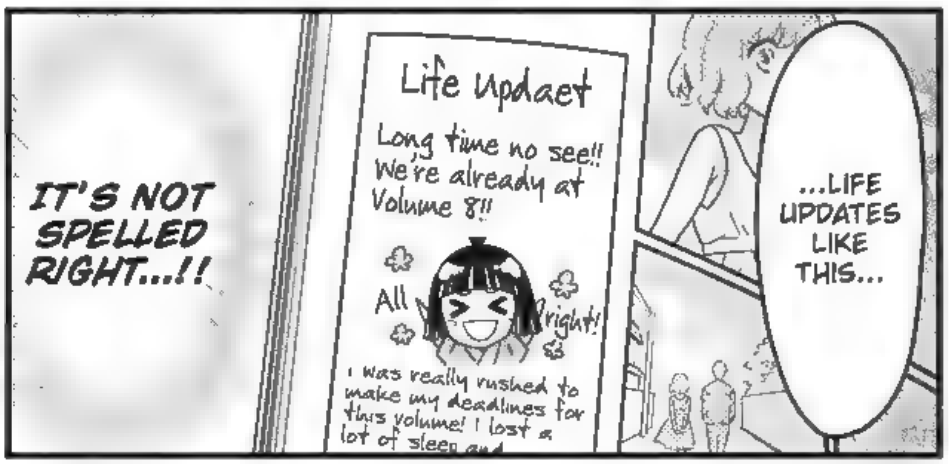

KEN-SAN WOULD THINK THAT I'M AN ANNOYING MANGA-KA ...!!!
BUT I CAN'T JUST ASK, "WHAT IS THAT?" AT THIS POINT.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
HUH...? BUT YOU DON'T WRITE THAT SORT OF STUFF IN THE FINAL BOOK, RIGHT ...?

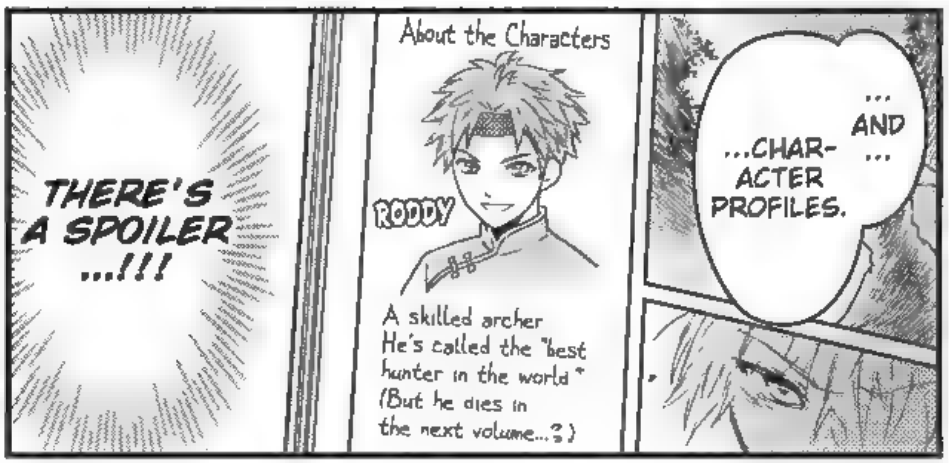

YOU KNOW...
THAT'S ANNOYING. JUST ASK.
Sakiko Yumeno's Life Update♥
So what... is a side-bar...!? But... I can't ask that now~!!
ALL DONE.

IT'S COMMON

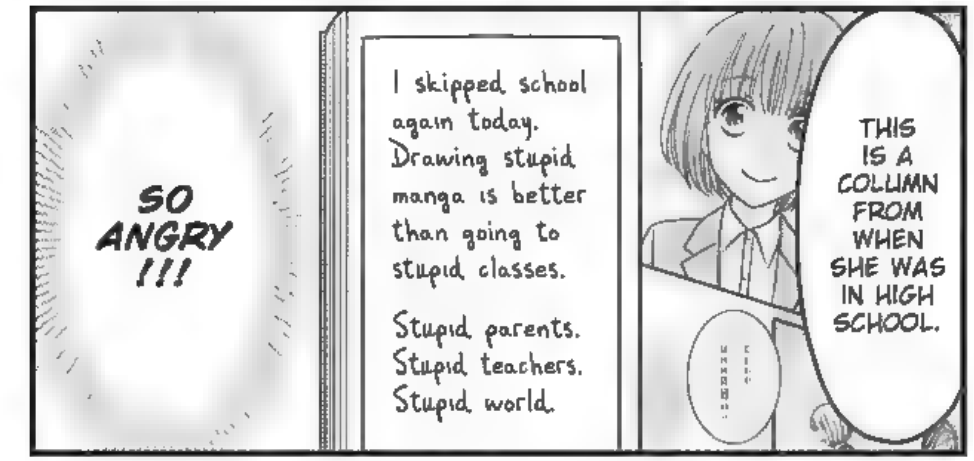

ADS
THIS IS EMPTY
MAGAZINE
BOOK
...AND WRITING LITTLE COMMENTS.
...IS TAKING THE SPACE FOR ADS IN THE MAGAZINE VERSION ...
FILLING IN SIDEBARS ...
...FOR THE BOOK RELEASE ...

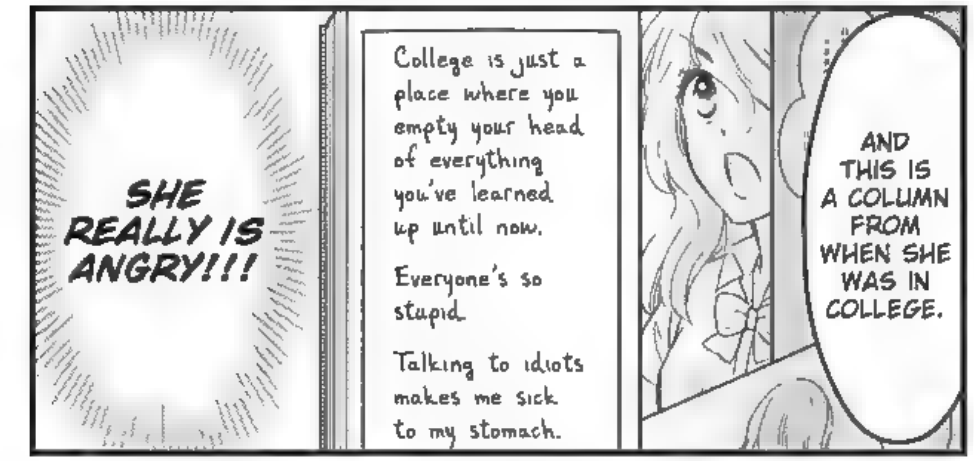
THE MOST COMMON ONES ARE...
HERE.
OHH!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY READING THROUGH SOME OTHER WORKS?
DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF FILLING THE SPACE.


IT'S NOT SPELLED RIGHT...!!
Life Updaet
Long time no see!! We're already at Volume 8!!
All right!
I was really rushed to make my deadlines for this volume! I lost a lot of sleep and
...LIFE UPDATES LIKE THIS...

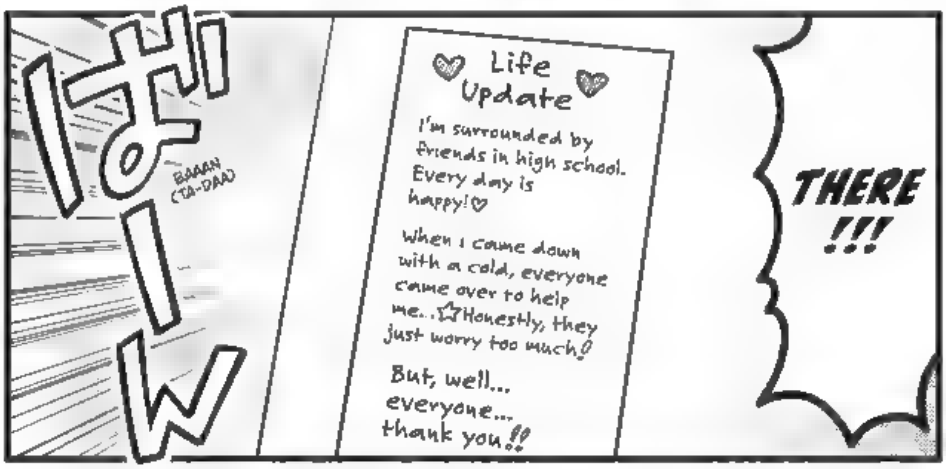

THERE'S A SPOILER ...!!!
About the Characters
RODDY
A skilled archer
He's called the "best hunter in the world"
(But he dies in the next volume...?)
... AND ...
...CHARACTER PROFILES.

TAKE THIS MANGA-KA FOR EXAMPLE ...
?
SLIP-UPS?
YOUNGER PEOPLE ESPECIALLY TEND TO HAVE A LOT OF SLIP-UPS.
IT'S EXTRA MATERIAL, SO SOME-TIMES, PEOPLE GET A LITTLE TOO RELAXED.


SO ANGRY !!!
I skipped school again today. Drawing stupid manga is better than going to stupid classes.
Stupid parents. Stupid teachers. Stupid world.
THIS IS A COLUMN FROM WHEN SHE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

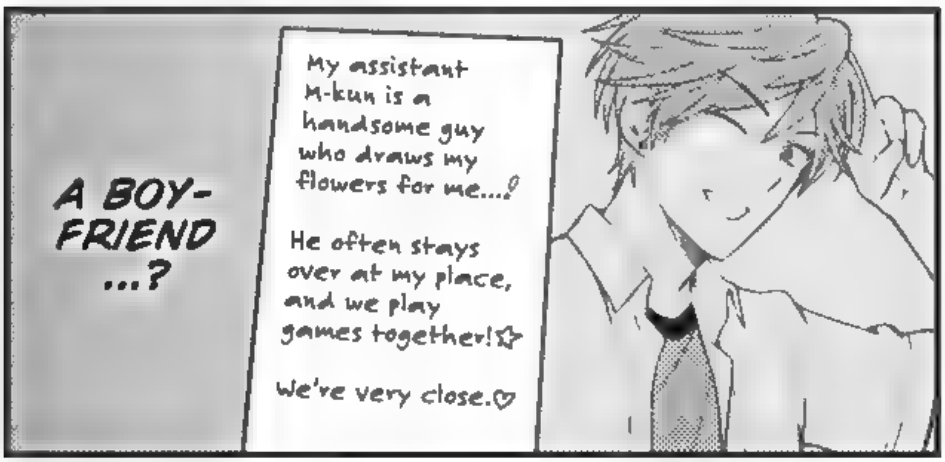

SHE REALLY IS ANGRY!!!
College is just a place where you empty your head of everything you've learned up until now.
Everyone's so stupid.
Talking to idiots makes me sick to my stomach.
AND THIS IS A COLUMN FROM WHEN SHE WAS IN COLLEGE.

SHE'S CALMED DOWN!!?
Rice is sooo good!
I'm totally into dried seasonings on my rice right now.
AND THIS IS NOW.

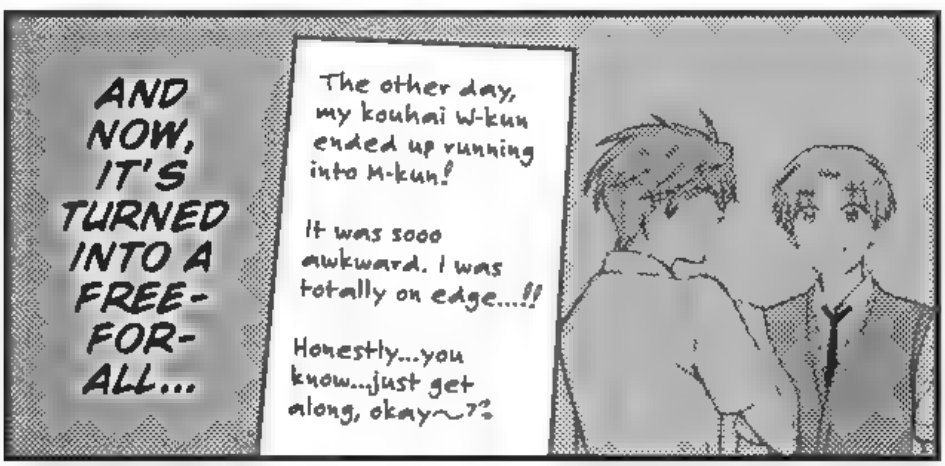

ばいん
BAAAN (TA-DAA)
Life Update
I'm surrounded by friends in high school. Every day is happy!♡
When I came down with a cold, everyone came over to help me...☆Honestly, they just worry too much!
But, well... everyone... thank you!!
THERE !!!

IT KIND OF PISSES YOU OFF

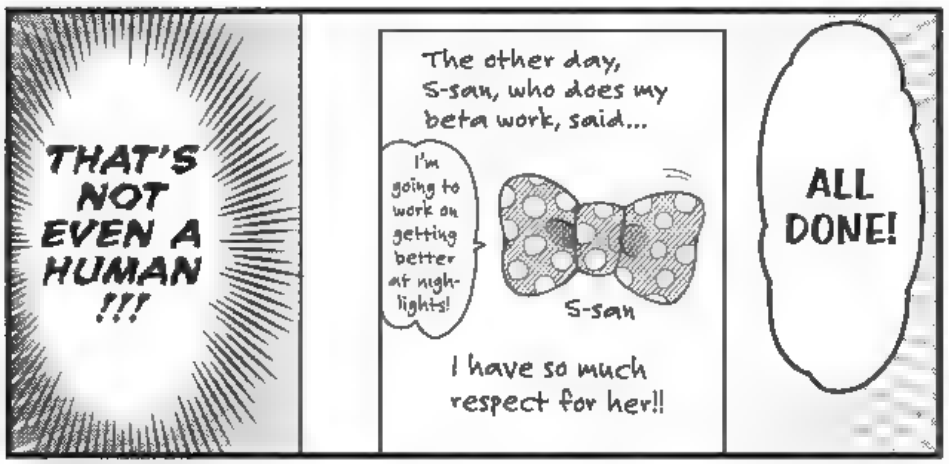
I SEE!
SOMETHING THAT SHOWS HOW THINGS ARE IN YOUR WORKSPACE...
I KNOW!
STORIES ABOUT ASSISTANTS ARE ALWAYS POPULAR.


A BOY-FRIEND ...?
My assistant M-kun is a handsome guy who draws my flowers for me...!
He often stays over at my place, and we play games together!☆
We're very close.♡

TWO-TIMING ...?
My senpai H-kun is in charge of drawing backgrounds! He comes over to my place when M-kun isn't here...
I have to make sure that they never meet each other!!

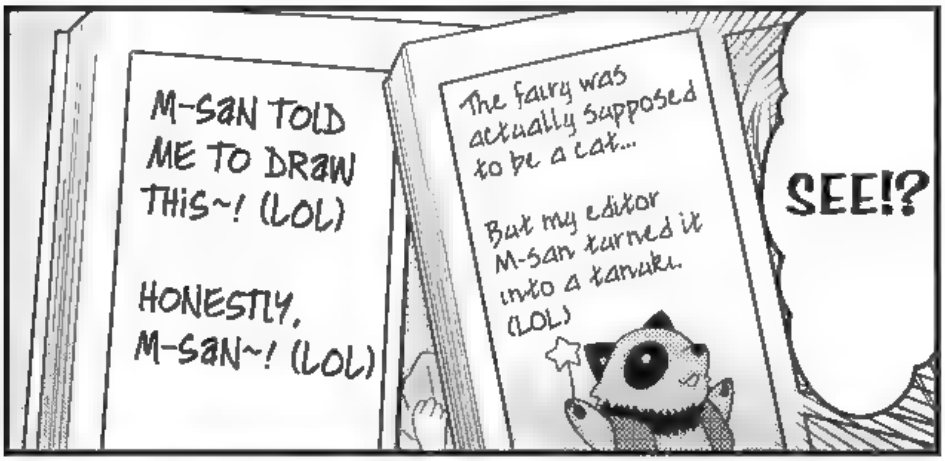

AND NOW, IT'S TURNED INTO A FREE-FOR-ALL...
The other day, my kouhai W-kun ended up running into M-kun!
It was sooo awkward. I was totally on edge...!!
Honestly...you know...just get along, okay~?

WITH PICTURES


THAT'S NOT EVEN A HUMAN !!!
The other day, S-san, who does my beta work, said...
I'm going to work on getting better at nigh-lights!
S-san
I have so much respect for her!!
ALL DONE!

OHHH? IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHAT TO WRITE...
...YOU CAN ALWAYS JUST PUT ME IN, YUMENO-SENSEI!
HYOKO (POP)
HUH!?
WHY YOU, MAENO-SAN ...!?

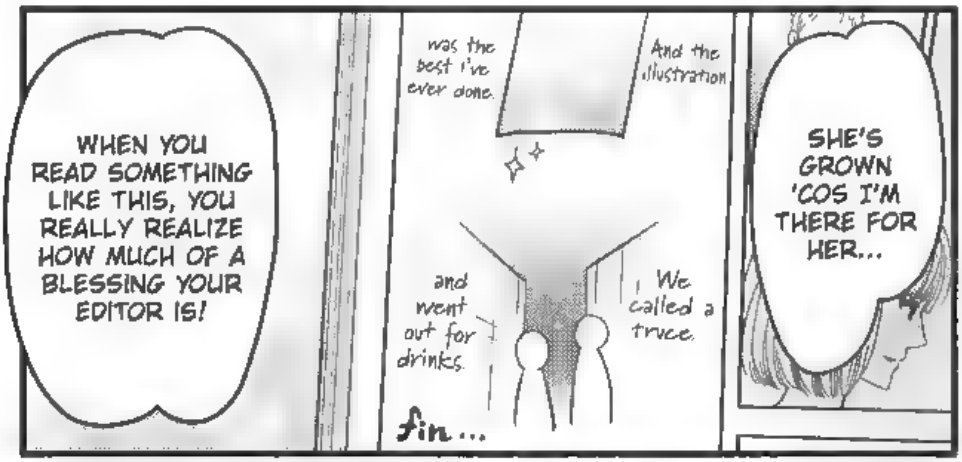
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M ACTUALLY NUMBER ONE WHEN IT COMES TO APPEARANCES IN EXTRA MATERIAL!
AWWWW!
UH... THEY AREN'T COMPLAINING ABOUT YOU, ARE THEY...?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT!? EVERYTHING THEY WRITE SOUNDS SUPER-FUN AND HAPPY!


SEE!?
The fairy was actually supposed to be a cat...
But my editor M-san turned it into a tanuki. (LOL)
M-SAN TOLD ME TO DRAW THIS~! (LOL)
HONESTLY, M-SAN~! (LOL)

THEY SAY "LOL," BUT...
...THEY'RE SO...
...NOT SMILING ON THE INSIDE!
STARLIGHT

Maeno-san and Me #10
One day, Maeno-san did it again.
Your next color illustration is actually due tomorrow!!
WHAA—!?
THIS ONE'S REALLY POPULAR!
IT'S THE UNRESTRAINED BACK-AND-FORTH BETWEEN ME AND THIS MANGA-KA.
WE SEEM SO CLOSE. IT'S REALLY FUN!

THIS IS THAT ...!!!
SHE REALLY WANTS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HIM, BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE THE READERS UNCOMFORTABLE...
...SO SHE MAKES IT SEEM LIKE THEY GET ALONG ...!!!


SHE'S GROWN 'COS I'M THERE FOR HER...
And the illustration was the best I've ever done.
We called a truce and went out for drinks.
fin...
WHEN YOU READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS, YOU REALLY REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A BLESSING YOUR EDITOR IS!

THIS IS THAT ...!!!
SHE JUST HAD TO FIND A WAY TO TIE IT ALL UP NICELY IN THE END ...!!!

WHAAA —? ME!!?
G-GO AHEAD !!!
IN A STORY ABOUT MY ASSIS-TANTS.
DO YOU MIND IF I DRAW YOU?
...SO, ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.

YOU WORRY ABOUT THE WEIRDEST THINGS.
TEE-HEE! Will every-thing be all right?
No one's going to get jealous that I get to spend all that time with you, will they?
Ohh!
THINGS WE TALK ABOUT WHILE WORKING AND STUFF.
URO (FLIT)
What are you drawing, bub?
What are you draw-ing?
URO
URO

IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE A LOVEY-DOVEY COUPLE... ♡
THE TWO OF US WORKING INTIMATELY TOGETHER, SEPARATED ONLY BY A TABLE...
AHHH!
THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'S GOING TO SEE A PICTURE OF ME WITH NOZAKI-KUN...

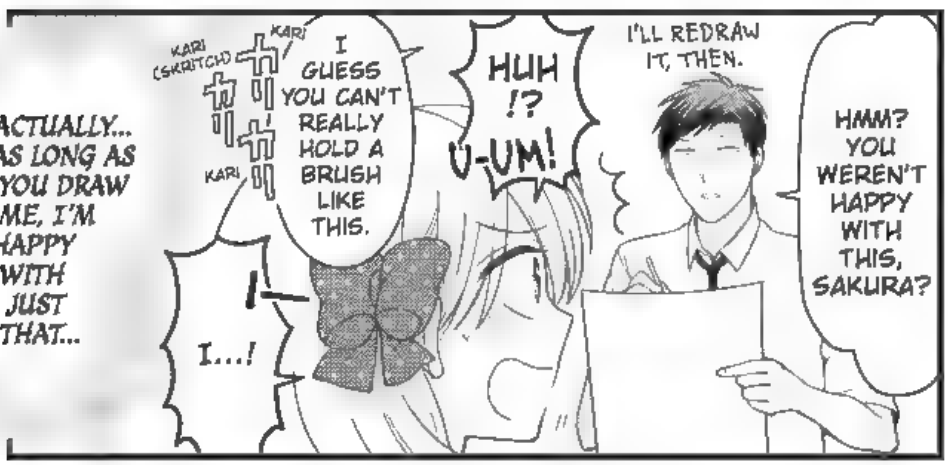
Me
S-san

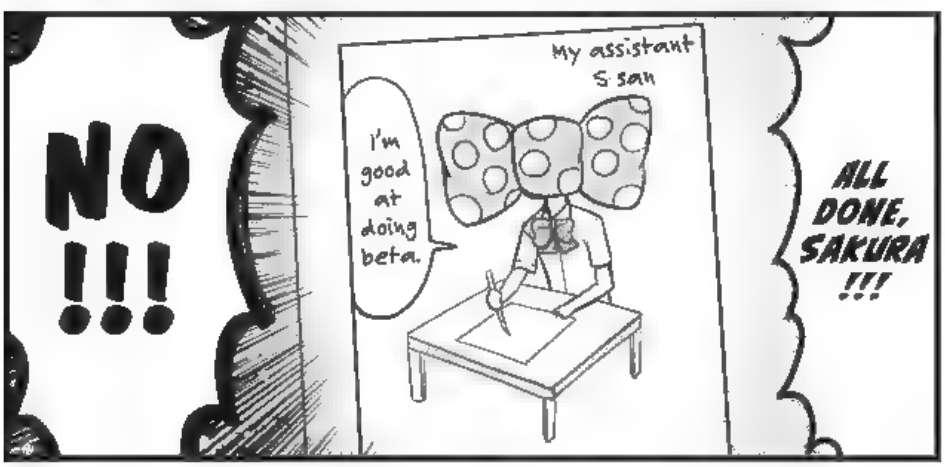
NOTH-ING.
THIS IS THAT, ISN'T IT?
WHAT IS IT, MIKO-SHIBA?
OH?
!!?
My editor K-san
We went to get reference material!!
I wanted to get some pictures of a theater, so he took me
KEN-SAN.
UGH...
IN THAT CASE ...!!!
WELL, THERE ARE, LIKE, MORE THAN TEN OF THEM.
HE NEVER SAID HE WAS CLOSE TO OTHER WOMEN ...!!
WELL, OF COURSE HE DIDN'T.
NO WAY... KEN-SAN NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS...
THAT'S DEFINITELY THE WORST EMBARRASS-ING MESS-UP IN ALL OF HISTORY!!!
DON'T DO IT!!
I went on a research trip with my editor K-san!♡
K-san
Me
※All imaginary
I'LL DRAW WHAT I IMAG-INED !!!

AND IT BECAME LEGEND (AMONG MANGA-KA)

ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THAT?
...AND THEN, I'LL DRAW THAT...
I'LL GO SOMEWHERE WITH KEN-SAN BEFORE THE NEXT VOLUME COMES OUT...
I'M NOT DOING ANY EXTRA MATERIAL THIS TIME...

YOU TOO... ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THAT?
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL DRAW YOU TOO, SAKURA.
OH.
ALL RIGHT !!!
NO ME!? WHAT ABOUT ME!?
WAIT, NO-ZAKI-KUN!


ACTUALLY... AS LONG AS YOU DRAW ME, I'M HAPPY WITH JUST THAT...
KARI (SKRITCH)
KARI
KARI
I GUESS YOU CAN'T REALLY HOLD A BRUSH LIKE THIS.
I...!
HUH !? U-UM!
I'LL REDRAW IT, THEN.
HMM? YOU WEREN'T HAPPY WITH THIS, SAKURA?


NO !!!
My assistant S san
I'm good at doing beta.
ALL DONE, SAKURA !!!

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ACK!
YOU JUST MET RECENTLY, RIGHT?
HEY.
HOW DID YOU AND CHIYO-CHAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER?

AND THAT'LL OUT ME TOO...!!!
KASHIMA.
DO (BADUM)
DO
DO
THIS IS NOZAKI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO HE'LL PROLLY JUST SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "SHE'S MY MANGA ASSISTANT..." !!!
CRAP ...!!!

HEH...
WELL, IF I HAVE TO PIN IT ON JUST ONE THING...
HUH?
UH, YEAH, BUT...
THAT'S SURPRISINGLY DEEP...
HUH ...!?
DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!!!
FRIENDSHIP ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GAIN BY BEING AWARE OF IT.

I LURED HER IN WITH FOOD ...?
NOZAKI-KUUN!
NOZAKI-KUUN!
NOZAKI-KUUN!

AND REALLY, WHY ALL THIS TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HEY.
DON'T IMITATE THAT, OKAY?
I SEE.
WITH FOOD, HUH?

DID HE EVER?
I GET THE FEELING THAT HORI-SENPAI DOESN'T HAVE AS MUCH AFFECTION FOR ME THESE DAYS...

BUT WAIT. IT GOES BACK UP SOME-TIMES. WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
FOR REAL...? WELL, HE IS A PRETTY DIFFICULT GUY.
HORI-SENPAI AFFECTION GRAPH
LEVEL OF AFFECTION
TIME (MONTHS)
IT HIT ITS PEAK WHEN WE FIRST MET!
LIKE THIS!!

THAT'S SUPER-SIMPLE, THEN!!!
JUST GO TO REHEARSAL!!!
I THINK THAT'S WHEN I MADE SURE TO GO TO RE-HEARSAL!

SO, ANY-WAY ...
...IT SEEMS HOMEMADE DESSERTS WORK BEST FOR LURING SOMEONE IN WITH FOOD.
CAKES AND THE LIKE..
...ARE BEST.
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD!!
HUH.

KASHIMA-KUN'S HOME COOKING, HUH...?
WHICH CAKE...
...SHOULD I MAKE?
SO SHE REALLY DOES ACT LIKE A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL ONCE IN A WHILE.
I FIGURED I'D START ON THAT RIGHT AWAY.

WHICH BOX DO YOU THINK IS BEST?
RIBBON
BOX + WRAPPING PAPER
CARDBOARD
PRINTED
YOU'RE STARTING WITH THE BOX!?

HE DOESN'T LIKE HOME-MADE STUFF ...
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO MAKE IT SO THAT HE DOESN'T FIGURE IT OUT.
WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR THE SHOP'S LOGO?
CAKE SHOP
YOU'RE STARTING WITH THE SHOP!?

THE IDEA IS THE SAME

I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME RESEARCH SO I CAN MAKE IT LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME.
THEY EVEN HAVE BOXES!
I KNOW! I'LL MAKE IT A CAKE THAT I BOUGHT FROM THIS SHOP!

YOU ARE MAKING A CAKE, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT SOME DANGEROUS DRUG OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
OH. AND PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS...
I JUST HOPE THAT HE DOESN'T GET SUS-PICIOUS WHEN HE EATS IT...

NEVER FEAR, MIKO-SHIBA.
HEH...
DOES SECRETLY HOMEMADE FOOD EVEN COUNT FOR LURING SOME-ONE IN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HOW DID HE KNOW!?
BUT I CAN TELL... KASHIMA MADE THIS ...!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS CAKE CAME FROM A SHOP.
!
...IT WOULD DEFI-NITELY BE LIKE THIS.
IF THIS HAP-PENED IN A SHOUJO MANGA ...
WHAT SORT OF WEIRD THING DID YOU PUT IN IT!?
I PUT SOMETHING MEMORABLE FOR THE TWO OF US IN IT.
YOU FOUND ME OUT ...?
WELL, THE REASON WOULD BE SOME-THING LIKE THIS.
WHICH ONE DID SHE PUT IN?
SEN-PAI...
OH ...
KA-SHIMA.
BY THE WAY, IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL HAVE A QUICK FLASHBACK IN THERE SOMEWHERE TOO.
...AND CHEER UP
HAVE ONE OF THESE ...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT UP?
COME ON.

NAH.
I'LL OPEN IT RIGHT THEN AND THERE, AND WE'LL EAT IT TOGETH-ER.
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE SOME TOO?
HUH?
OH!
WOW! YOU GONNA GIVE IT TO HIM JUST LIKE THAT?

LET'S EAT IT TOGETHER! ♡

OH?
I CAN HAVE SOME?
I'LL JUST HAVE ONE SLICE, THEN.
SPLIT UP THE LEFT-OVERS AMONG THE REST OF THE CLUB.

ONE SLICE ...
BUT I MADE THE ENTIRE CAKE FOR YOU...
I HAVE THREE MORE OF THEM...

THIS IS BAD.
I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME LEFT OVER.
I WONDER IF CHIYO-CHAN AND YUZUKI WILL HAVE SOME...

HMM?

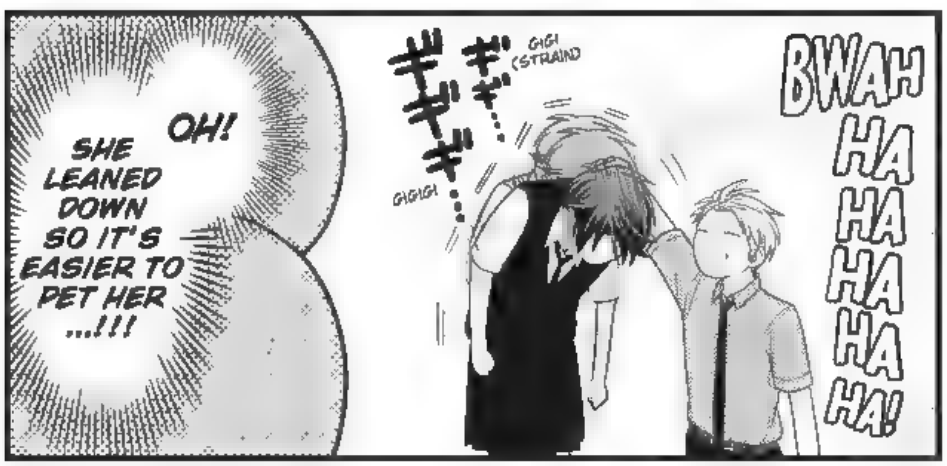
THOSE SYMPTOMS ARE...

AND, WELL... HE WAS PRETTY QUIET WHILE HE ATE IT, AND NOW HIS FACE IS ALL RED...
HUH ...!?
DON'T TELL ME HE ACTUALLY FIGURED OUT THAT KASHIMA MADE IT ...!?
THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING...
BAKU
BAKU (CHOMP)

WHOA!
SENPAI!
GASHI (GRAB)
KASHIMA!

HA HA HA HA HA!
YOUR SEN-PAI!
I'M YOUR SENPAI, YOU KNOW.
WHAT IS WITH ...
...THAT VOICE?
HA HA HA HA HA!

YEAH... EVEN KASHIMA WOULD FREEZE IN THIS SITUA-TION.
DARN ...!!! THIS REALLY ISN'T GOING AS EXPECT-ED...!!!
PISHI (FREEZE)
GUSHA
GUSHA (RUFFLE)
GUSHA
I'M GONNA PET YOU!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!


OH!
SHE LEANED DOWN SO IT'S EASIER TO PET HER ...!!!
GIGI (STRAIN)
GIGIGI
BWAH HA HA HA HA HA!

HM?
WELL, LET'S SEE ...
HA HA HA HA HA
ACK!
NOZAKI!!! DO PEOPLE ACTUALLY GET DRUNK ON ALCOHOL IN DESSERTS!?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!!!

THAT OFTEN!!?
I HAD NO IDEA!!!
IN SHORT STORIES AND SUCH.
I SEE IT ABOUT ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS OR SO.
OH CHOCOLATE!
AH HA HA HA! I'M DRUNK.

YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS STUFF!?
MIKOSHIBA.
HUH!?
KASHIMA! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE WATER TO A DRUNK!
YEAH.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
I'm baaaaack~!♡
SOMETIMES, I HAVE AN OLDER SISTER WITH AN OFFICE JOB...

SENPAI'S SMILING SO MUCH...!!!
WHOA...
HA HA HAHA HA!
YOUR HAIR LOOKS AWFUL, KASHI-MA!!!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!

HEY, KASHIMA!
KA-SHIMA!
HA HA HA HA HA!
I HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO SOBER HIM UP...
WAIT, NO, I CAN'T.

YOU DID GOOD, KASHIMA!
YOU'RE A GREAT ACTOR, AND YOU'VE GOT GUTS!
YOU'RE SO AMAZ-ING!

SENPAI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SUPPOOON (THUD)
DON'T LET THIS CHANCE SLIP AWAY!
BWAH HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU DID GOOD!

YEAH, YEAH!
SUPER-PROUD!
HAHAHA HAHA!
Senpai, am I good!? Are you proud of me!?
WAHOOO!!

SUPER-ADOR-ABLE!
HAHA HAHA HA!
SENPAI, AM I ADOR-ABLE!?
HAVE SOME MORE!
REALLY!?
IT COULD BE THAT HE'S THE SORT WHO GETS MORE HONEST WITH HIMSELF WHEN HE'S DRUNK.

...I WISH WE COULD DO MORE CLUB STUFF TOGETHER.
... THAT'S WHY...

ISN'T THAT GREAT, PRESIDENT!?
GOOD FOR YOU, HORI-CHAN!
KASHIMA'S ACTUALLY BEEN COMING TO REHEARSALS LATELY...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
... SEN-PAI.
GOOD FOR YOU...
GOOD FOR YOU, SENPAI.
UM.....
DAMMIT.
AM I REALLY THAT EASY TO FIGURE OUT?
SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON...?
YOU DON'T HAVE A STOMACH-ACHE, DO YOU?
ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU DOING ALL RIGHT?

SHE'S BEAT UP EITHER WAY

Brandy Cake
MAYBE I'LL GET SOME.
HUH...? IS THIS THE CAKE KASHIMA BROUGHT ME THE OTHER DAY ...?

A PROBLEM?
NO...
IT'S JUST KIND OF...
IS JUST ONE SLICE GOING TO BE A PROBLEM!?
WH—
WHAT'S WRONG?
HMM...?

SAKURA ...
I GUESS IT REALLY IS THAT SPICE CALLED LOVE!
JUST KIDDING!
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!
"...THE OTHER ONE WAS BETTER ..."
"I FEEL LIKE...

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO REALISTIC RIGHT NOW, NOZAKI-KUN?
...SENPAI JUST PREFERS A DRIER FLAVOR TO HIS CAKE.
SO BASICALLY ...
YOU LET IT SIT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS AND THE ALCOHOL EVAPORATES LEAVING IT SWEETER.
THAT'S PROBABLY JUST 'COS THE BOOZE IN THE CAKE EVAPORATED.

THE NOZAKI FAMILY

(CAST OF CHARACTERS)

● YUMEKO NOZAKI ● UMETAROU ● MAYU ● FATHER ● OTHERS

I'M YUMEKO! I'M THE YOUNGEST CHILD OF THE NOZAKI FAMILY!
LA LA LAAA!
MY BIG BROTHER, WHO LIVES ON HIS OWN, IS COMING HOME TODAY!

WHEN YOU SAY YOUR "BIG BROTHER"...
...YOU MEAN NOZAKI-SENPAI'S BIG BROTHER TOO, RIGHT?
ONLY HIS LOOKS ARE GOOD
WHAT'S HE LIKE? WHAT'S HE LIKE?
UMM...
IF YOU COMPARE HIM TO MAYU-KUN...

...HE'S PRETTY GROWN-UP, I GUESS.
!!!
THANKS FOR ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER MY SISTER.

AND HE'S SO BIG THAT HE MAKES MAYU-KUN SEEM REALLY AVERAGE.
!!!
WELCOOOME!!!

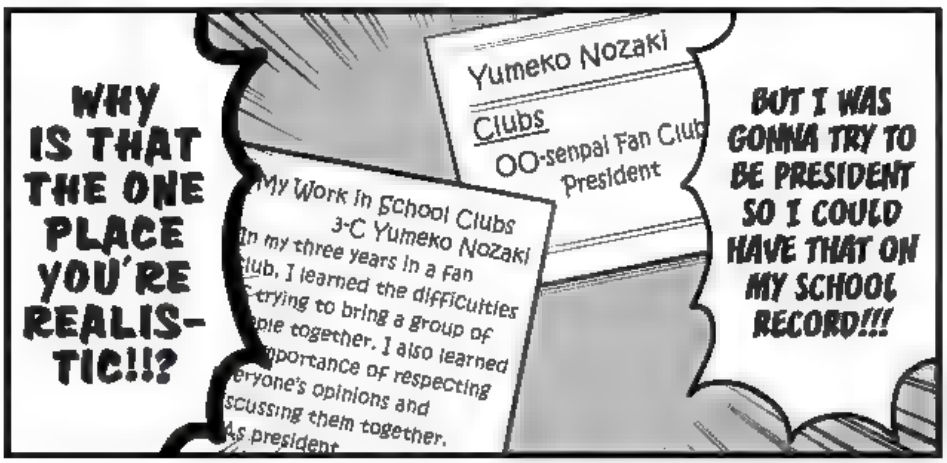
GIRLS' ROMANCE SPECIAL POUCH
2 CONSECUTIVE ISSUES
HE GETS ME ALL THE LITTLE MAGAZINE FREEBIES THAT I FORGET ABOUT.
HERE'S THIS MONTH'S ISSUE.
HE BUYS ALL THE MAGAZINES I READ EACH MONTH FOR ME.

MAGAZINE: GIRLS' ROMANCE

YUMEKO, YOU REALLY DO LOVE SHOUJO MANGA, DON'T YOU?
WELL ...
...IT'S AMAZ-ING!!!

WHEN I GET INTO HIGH SCHOOL, I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO JOIN A FAN CLUB...
OO-SENPAI FAN CLUB
WHA —!?
HUH !?

A FAN CLUB ...?
BUT THOSE ARE ALL FICTIONAL, AREN'T THEY...?
WITH THE SUPER-POPULAR HERO...
...AND PEOPLE GOING WAY OVER-BOARD...
HUH !!?
GOSH! YOU'RE SUCH A DREAMER, YUMEKO.
NO WAY ...!


BUT I WAS GONNA TRY TO BE PRESIDENT SO I COULD HAVE THAT ON MY SCHOOL RECORD!!!
Yumeko Nozaki
Clubs
OO-senpai Fan Club
President
My Work in School Clubs
3-C Yumeko Nozaki
In my three years in a fan club, I learned the difficulties of trying to bring a group of people together. I also learned the importance of respecting everyone's opinions and discussing them together. As president
WHY IS THAT THE ONE PLACE YOU'RE REALIS-TIC!!?

HE'S SO COOL!
YOU REALLY LIKE LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡, DON'T YOU?
BUT THE FAN CLUB THAT I WANT TO JOIN THE MOST IS SUZUKI-KUN'S!
BEKO (BOW)
BEKO

Ahh, I wish I could shake her hand just once!!!
HER DIVINE HAND!!
Of course I do!!
Sakiko Yumeno-sensei is a god!!!
Suzuki-kun♥ Pencil Board
Girls' Romance Freebie

...YUMEKO.
KYU (GRAB)
ONII-CHAN, YOU'RE BACK!
TA (TROT)
TA
TA

I THOUGHT I SHOULD SHARE IT!
DERDOO (DIRTY)
WOULD YOU STOP COMING TO SHAKE MY HAND RIGHT AFTER YOU TOUCH SOMETHING NASTY?

COULDN'T BE BOTHERED. ↑

YUMEKO'S IDEAL MAN

IS THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE, YUMEKO?
MAYBE SOMEONE AT SCHOOL?
WHAA —?
NO WAY.
AFTER ALL...
...MY TYPE...
...IS SOMEONE WHO'LL SUDDENLY TRANSFER INTO MY CLASS ONE DAY.
HE'LL BE TALL, SMART, STRONG, KIND, BEAUTIFUL, AND GOOD AT SPORTS... ♡
OH NO... ALL SHE EVER READS IS SHOUJO MANGA ...
...SO HER EXPECTATIONS ARE WAY TOO HIGH...
IF YOU COULD ONLY HAVE ONE OF THOSE THINGS...
... WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE ...?
SMART? HANDSOME? STRONG...?
I'LL TAKE...
...A TRANSFER STUDENT!
WHA —!?

NEVER MIND THAT. ARE THERE ANY HOT GUYS AT YOUR SCHOOL, ONII-CHAN?
HOT GUYS!
HOT GUYS!
HOT GUYS, HUH ...?
I KNOW ABOUT TWO OF THEM.
IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ...

...WHICH ONE OF THESE TWO WOULD YOU PICK?
THIS ONE!!!

HEH. THAT'S TOO BAD, YUMEKO.
THAT'S A GIRL.
WHAT!?
REALLY!?

STILL, THIS ONE!!!
STILL!?

NO HOPE FOR THE FUTURE EITHER

DO YOU HAVE ANY GIRLS THAT YOU'RE CLOSE TO AT SCHOOL, ONII-CHAN?
HM?
WELL ...
...YEAH.

I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY INTERESTED IN HER...
THAT'S A NICE POSTER.
...BUT SHE'S THE ONE WHO APPROACHED ME.
I'M A FAN!!
WHAAAT!!?
SO DRAMATIC!!

...ONE OF MY MANGA ASSIS-TANTS.
NOW SHE'S ...
WHAAAT!!?

OH...
SO IT'S ALL IN HIS HEAD...

AH HA HA!
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT THAT SIGNATURE, ONII-CHAN!
IT LOOKS JUST THE SAME!
SEE?
HERE!
WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME!!? I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU AN AUTO-GRAPH!!!
Satoko Yamano
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MAMIKO AND SUZUKI WILL JUST MISS EACH OTHER, SO SHE GOES TO ADACHI-SENPAI FOR ADVICE!!!
少女ロマンス
THEN, I'LL PREDICT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE !!!
FINE !!!

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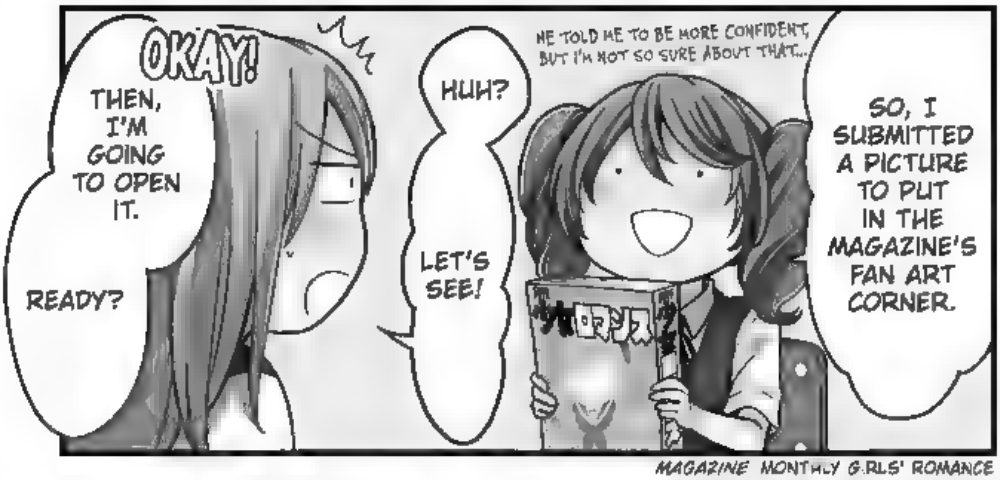
THEN, HE HAS A RARE FIT OF JEAL-OUSY, AND MAMIKO SEES HIM LIKE THAT.
AND SUZUKI-KUN JUST HAPPENS TO SEE IT.
...SO AFTER SHE CRIES HERSELF TO SLEEP, HE GENTLY PETS HER HAIR.
AND THEN, IT TURNS OUT THAT ADACHI-SENPAI ACTUALLY LIKES HER...
OHH, THAT'S GOOD.

A SHOCKING PICTURE

!!!
MAYU-KUUUN! DIN-NER...
DAD...
THIS MUST BE A REAL SHOCK FOR AN ADOLES-CENT GIRL...
OH... SO MAYU DID THIS...
HUH!?
THAT'S THE SHOCKING PART?
I'M THE ONLY ONE... ...WHO CAN'T DRAW...
!!!
YOU THINK ... ...I'LL EVER GET BETTER ...?

HER BROTHER'S ADVICE


OKAY!
THEN, I'M GOING TO OPEN IT.
READY?
HUH?
LET'S SEE!
HE TOLD ME TO BE MORE CONFIDENT, BUT I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...
SO, I SUBMITTED A PICTURE TO PUT IN THE MAGAZINE'S FAN ART CORNER.

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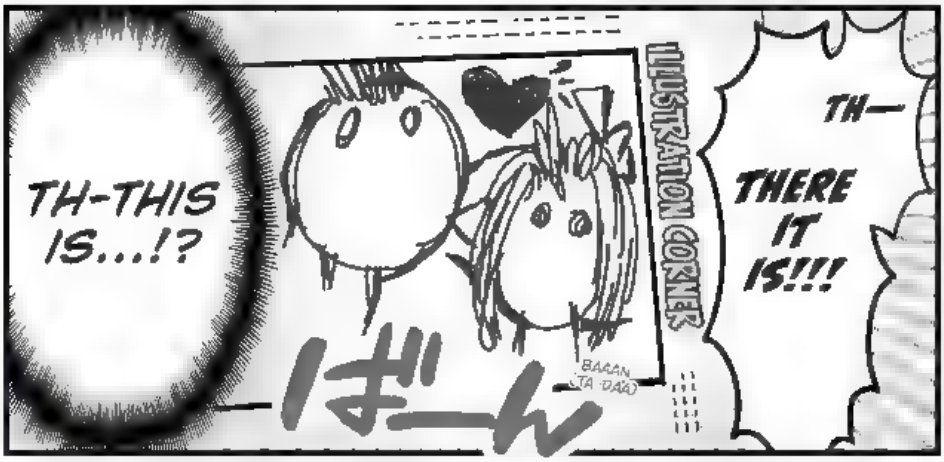

Oh.
Sorry ...
...FOR ASKING YOU TO HELP ME OUT SO MUCH.
I TURNED IT DOWN THOUGH.
Hey! You know ...
...I got asked to work a part-time job at a café.

INTO A CAFÉ!?
Huh!?
How about we mix things up and turn this room into a café in spirit?

OKAY.
Sorry to keep you waiting, Sakura.
It'll take time, but it'd sure make me happy!
U-FU-FU-FU...
MAYBE HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME SOME AMAZING COFFEE...

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He made coffee too.
It does feel a little like a café, but...
Oh.
Batan (clatter)
ガタン
I'm going to do number three.
Bath-room code !!!
Would you care for a refill?
That one person who keeps coming back to refill your glass ...!!!
I'm going on break.
Oh... He's done ...
PHEW...
Good... Now we can finally get back to normal ...
Time for your shift!
スポッ
supo (plop)
!!?
He pass-ed it on!!!

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